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ENXAME

OFFTOPIA

1936年和歌山県生まれ。
1955年「森の兄妹」でデビュー。
以後、“恐怖漫画の神様”となる一方、
「アゲイン」などでギャグ漫画にも新風を送る。
1975年「漂流教室」で小学館漫画賞受賞。
代表作「イアラ」「まことちゃん」「14歳」
「洗礼」「わたしは真悟」「おろち」など。

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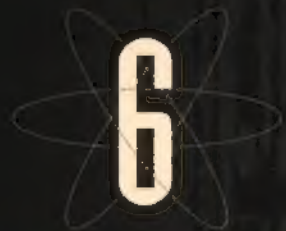
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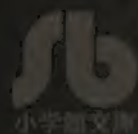
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人類最大のピンチ…… 地球の心臓が止まった!?

チキン・ジョージの作り出した
「不老不死」の正体とは?

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22世紀、人類は自然のすべてをコントロールしていると思い込んでいた。だが、突然始まった大規模な異変は告げていた、地球破滅の時が迫っている!? しかし、大多数の民衆はそれを知らない。彼らはついに完成された「不老不死」の夢に酔いしれていた……
鬼才・榎図かずおが想像力の極限に挑んだ巨編、第6集!!

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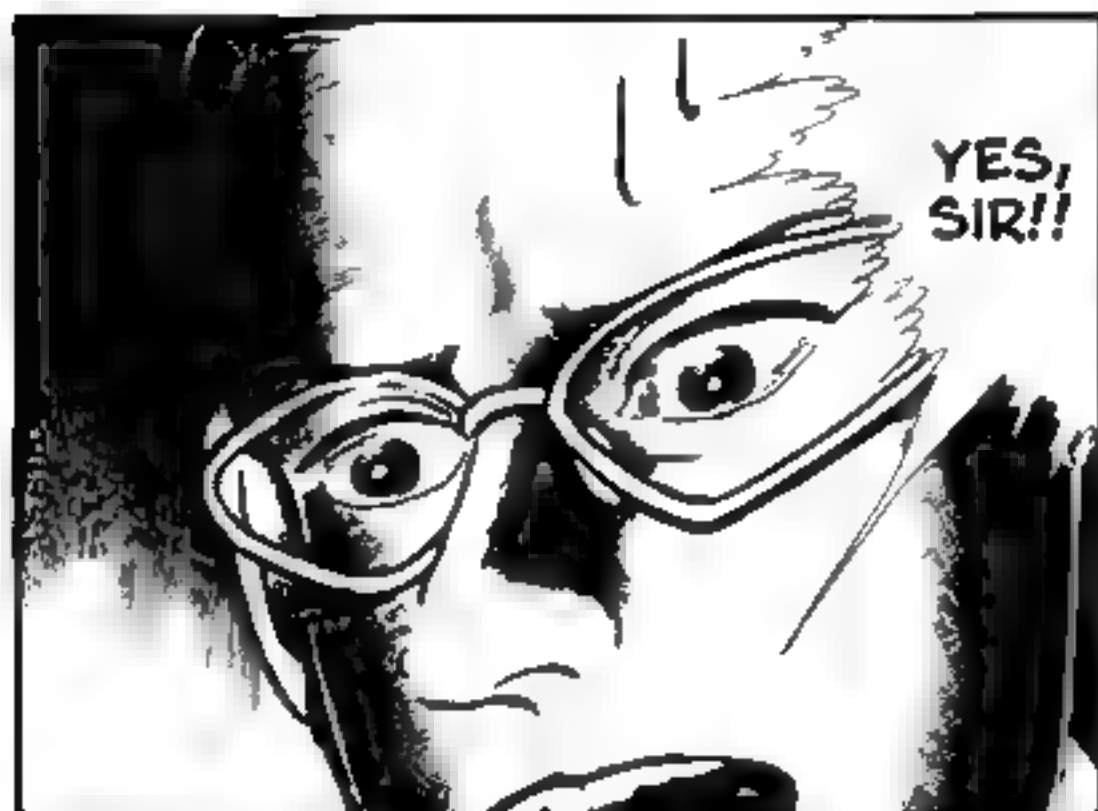
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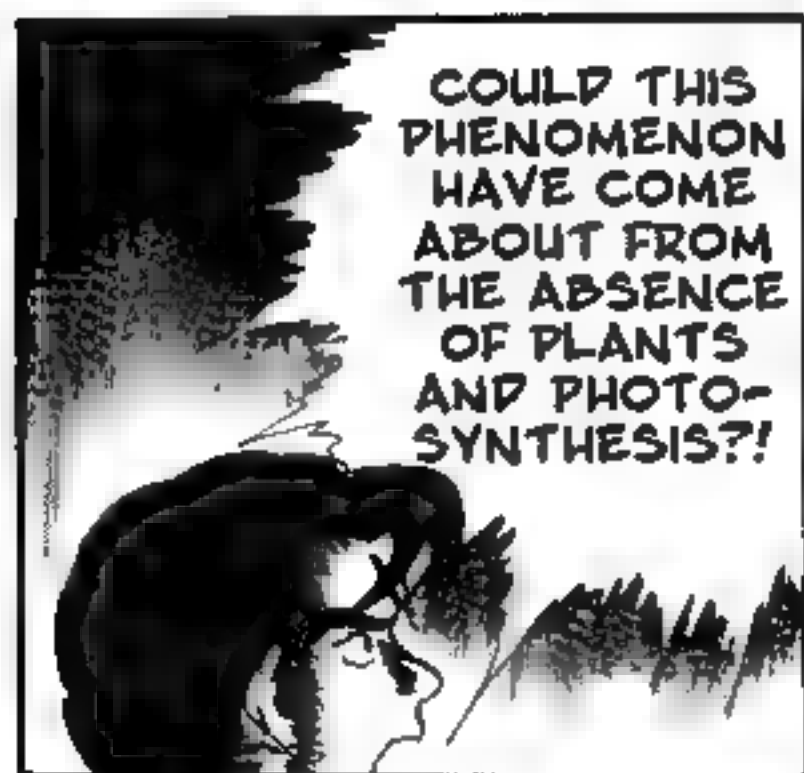
YES,
SIR!!



WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
THE SKY FELL?!
ARE YOU SAYING
THAT THE AIR IN
BETWEEN GOT
THINNER?



WH-
WHAT?!



COULD THIS
PHENOMENON
HAVE COME
ABOUT FROM
THE ABSENCE
OF PLANTS
AND PHOTO-
SYNTHESIS?!

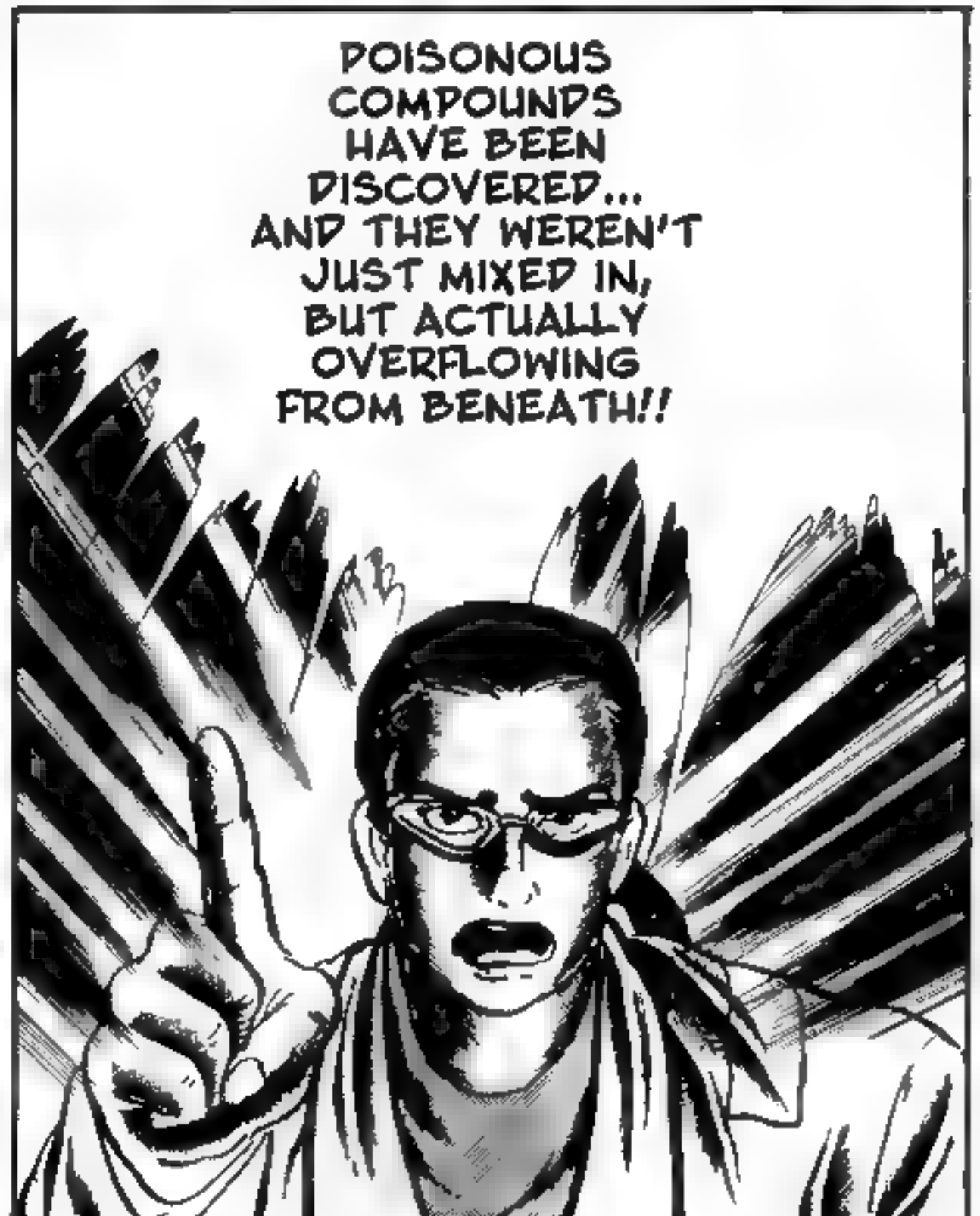


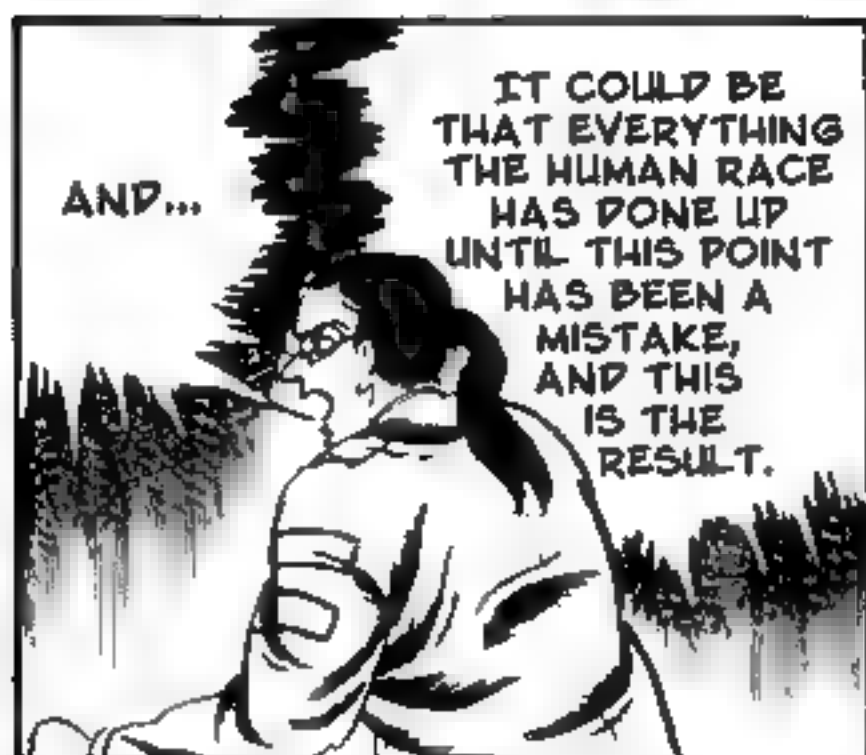
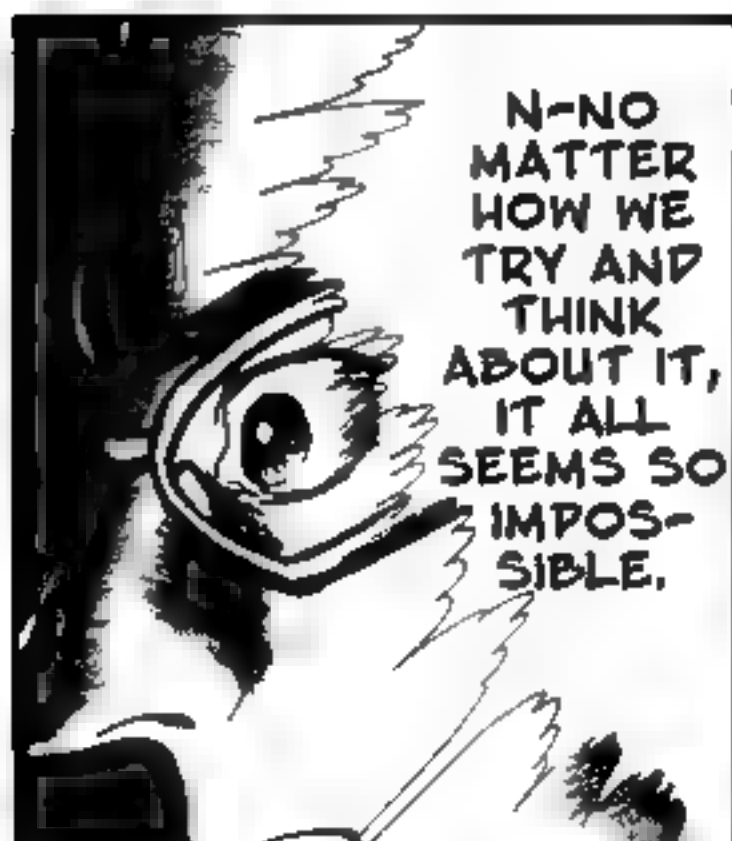
THAT'S
EXACTLY IT.
THE JAPANESE
METEOROLOGICAL
AGENCY (JMA) IS
ESTIMATING THAT
THE EARTH'S SKY
HAS DROPPED
APPROXIMATELY
1000
METERS...



AND SIMULTANEOUSLY,
THE HOLES IN THE
OZONE LAYER HAVE
GOTTEN CLOSER TO
THE EARTH'S SURFACE.

THAT
MAY BE
THE
CASE.





SFX: BAM



AND THE
CHILDREN HAVE
STARTED TALKING
ABOUT VERY
STRANGE THINGS.



YES, SIR.
THEY'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
"CHILDREN
WITHOUT
VEINS".



STRANGE
THINGS?



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
BY STRANGE
THINGS?!
DON'T BEAT
AROUND
THE BUSH,
JUST TELL ME
STRAIGHT
OUT.



THAT'S
WHAT
THEY
SAID.



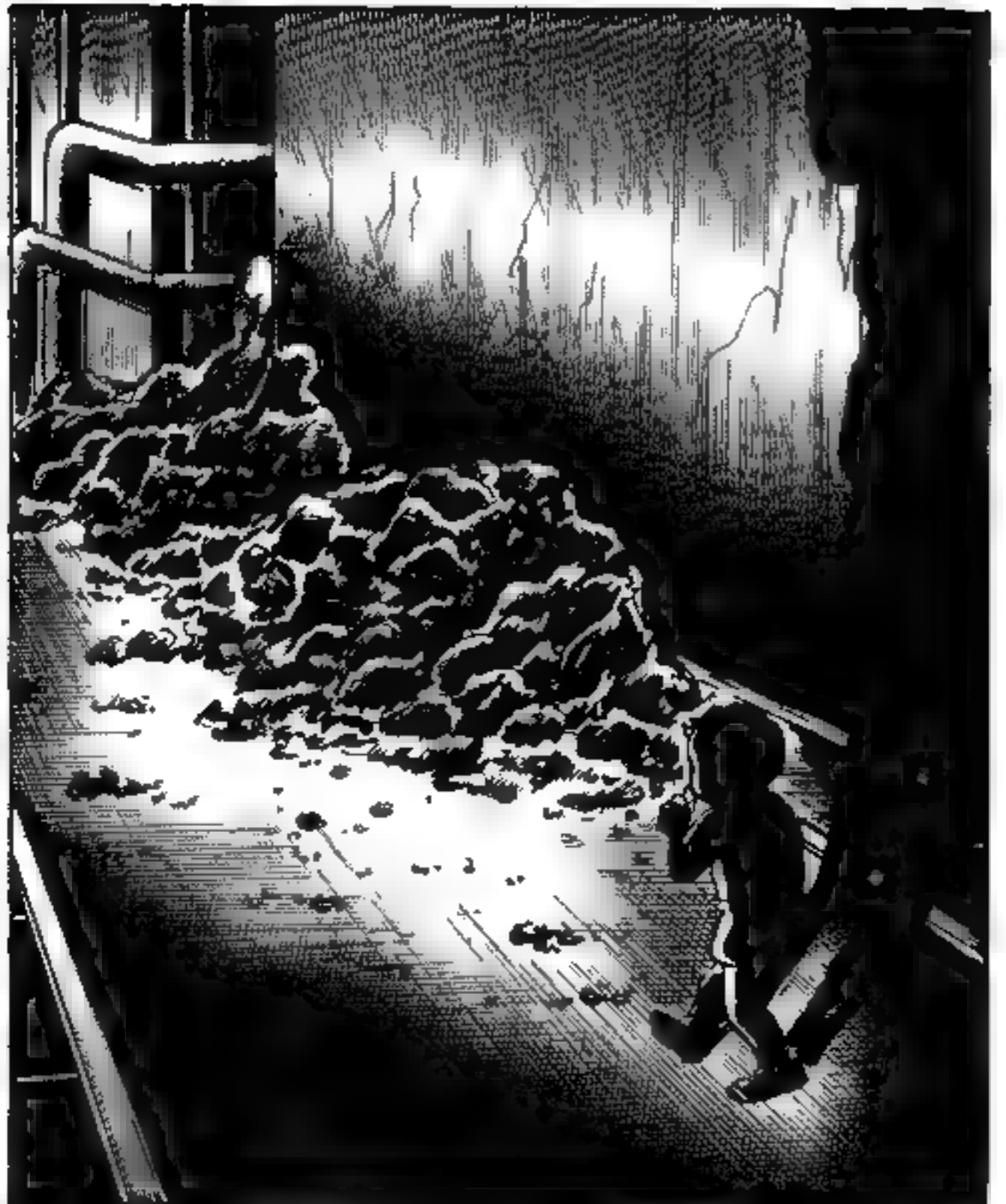
YES,
SIR.



CHILDREN
WITHOUT
VEINS?!

CHILDREN WITHOUT VEINS







PLEASE
LOOK AT
MY VEINS.



LLLLLLLLLIN,
LLLLLLLLLIN!



LLLLLLLLLIN,
LLLLLLLLLIN!



HE WAS SO
PERSISTENT,
...



PLEASE,
I BEG YOU.



PLEASE
LOOK AT
MY VEINS.



...ONLY TO SEE
THAT THE HAND
IS VEIN-LESS
AND COLD.



...THAT
THE PERSON
TAKES THE
BOY'S HAND
AND LOOKS...



...THE PERSON
SHOUTS OUT
"WHO ARE YOU",
ONLY TO HEAR...



ALL
OF A
SUDDEN,
...



A BLEARY,
FESTERING
FACE TURNS
AROUND AND
ANSWERS,
...



...VOID
OF EVEN
EYES OR
A MOUTH.



I AM THE
EARTH.



...AND
RUNS
AWAY.



...AND THEN
THE VEINLESS
CHILD LETS
OUT A LAUGH,
...



THE
PERSON
SCREAMS
IN
SHOCK,
...

SFX WAHAHAHA



THAT'S
THE STORY.



EXCEPT NOW,
IT'S POPULAR NOT
ONLY IN JAPAN,
BUT CHINA,
INDIA, EUROPE,
AMERICA, AUSTRALIA,
THE ARCTIC AND
THE ANTARCTIC,
AND EVEN DESERT
COUNTRIES.
IT'S POPULAR ALL
AROUND THE
WORLD.

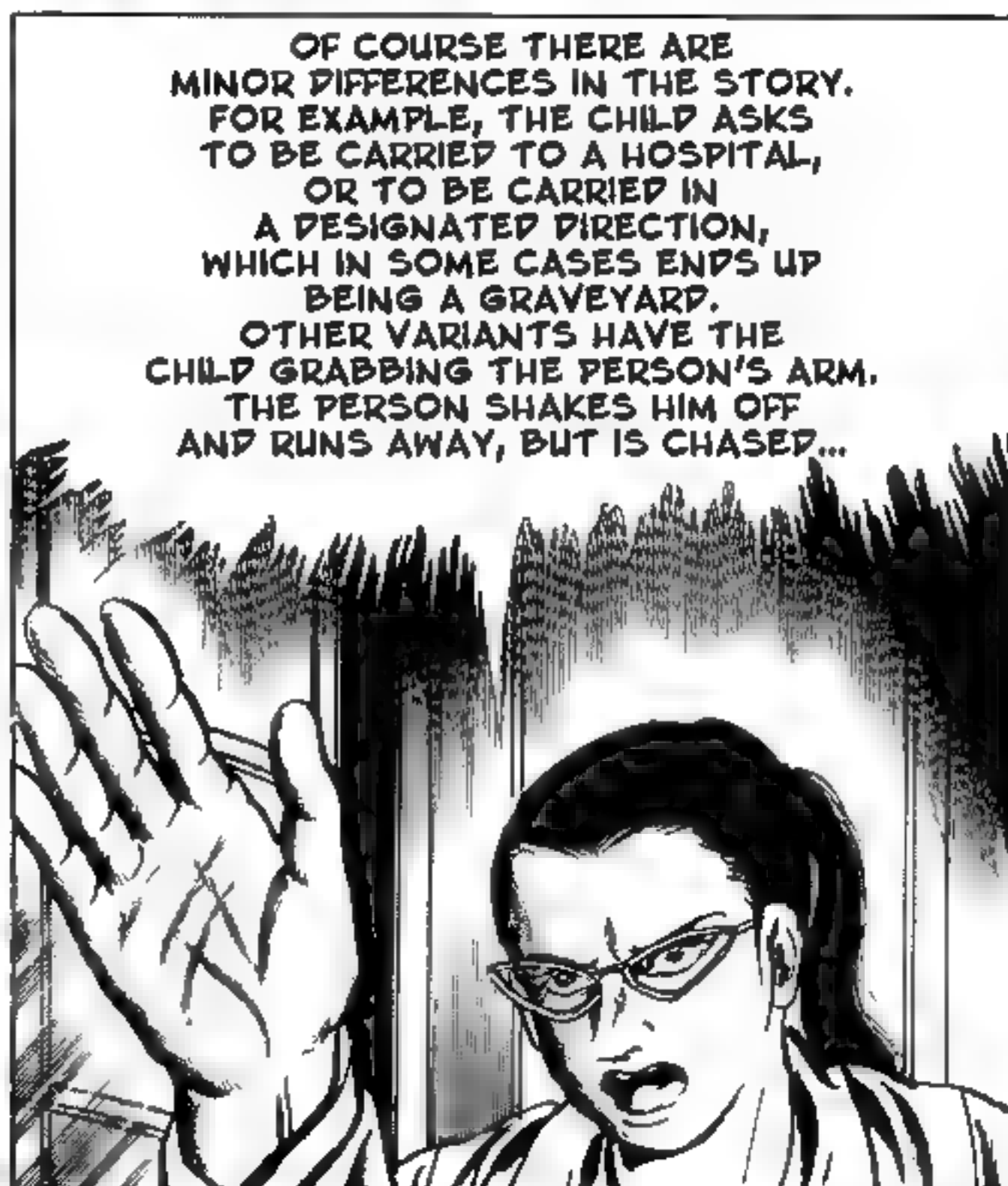
JUST LIKE HOW
THE STORIES OF
"THE SLIT-MOUTH
WOMAN" AND THE
"JOKING MAN" BECAME
POPULAR LONG AGO,
THIS STORY IS NOW
EXPLOSIVELY POPULAR
AMONG THE CHILDREN.



BUT IN
ALL OF THEM,
THERE IS A
ROUND-FACED
CHILD,
...



...WHO ALWAYS
RAISES OUT
HIS HAND AND
ASKS SOMEONE
TO LOOK AT
HIS VEINS.



OF COURSE THERE ARE
MINOR DIFFERENCES IN THE STORY.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHILD ASKS
TO BE CARRIED TO A HOSPITAL,
OR TO BE CARRIED IN
A DESIGNATED DIRECTION,
WHICH IN SOME CASES ENDS UP
BEING A GRAVEYARD.

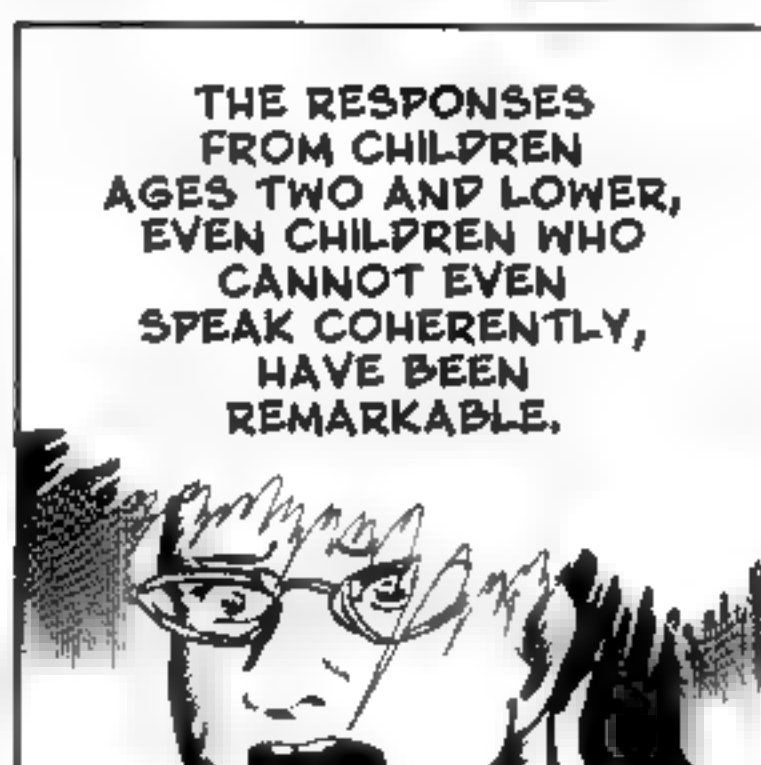
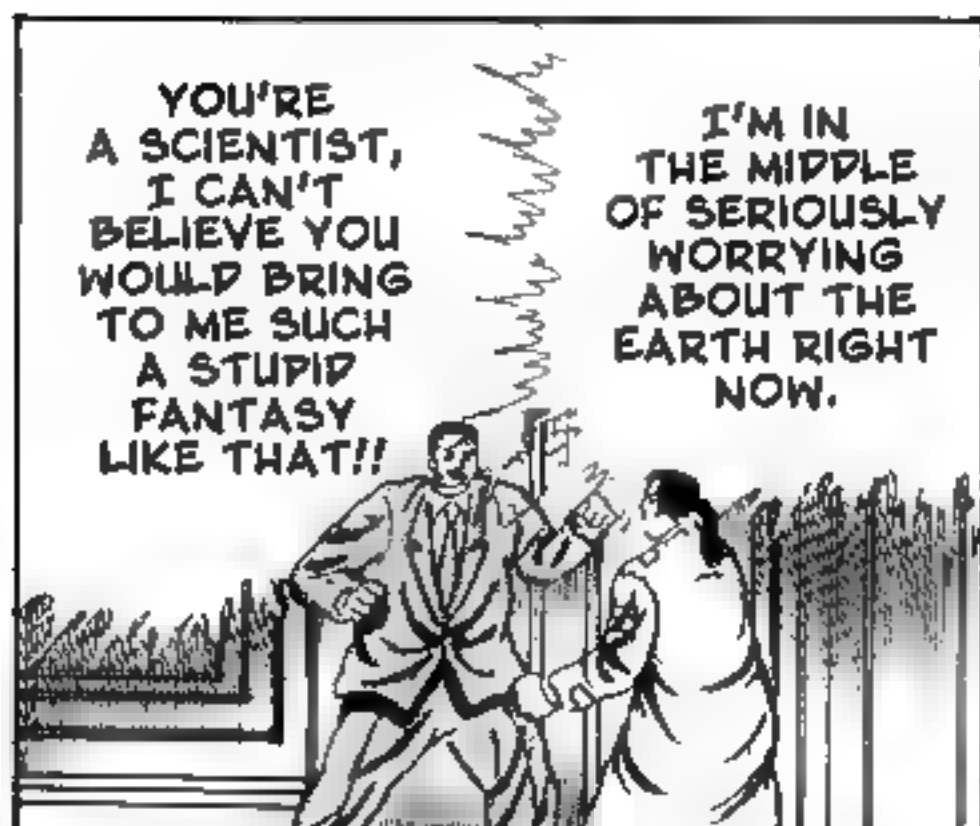
OTHER VARIANTS HAVE THE
CHILD GRABBING THE PERSON'S ARM.
THE PERSON SHAKES HIM OFF
AND RUNS AWAY, BUT IS CHASED...



T-TTHIS IS
RIDICU-
LOUS!!



THEN
THE CHILD
SAYS HE
IS EARTH.



SFX: BEEP BEEP.



SFX: KA-CHAK



SFX: BEEP.



TAROU,
WHAT'S
WRONG?



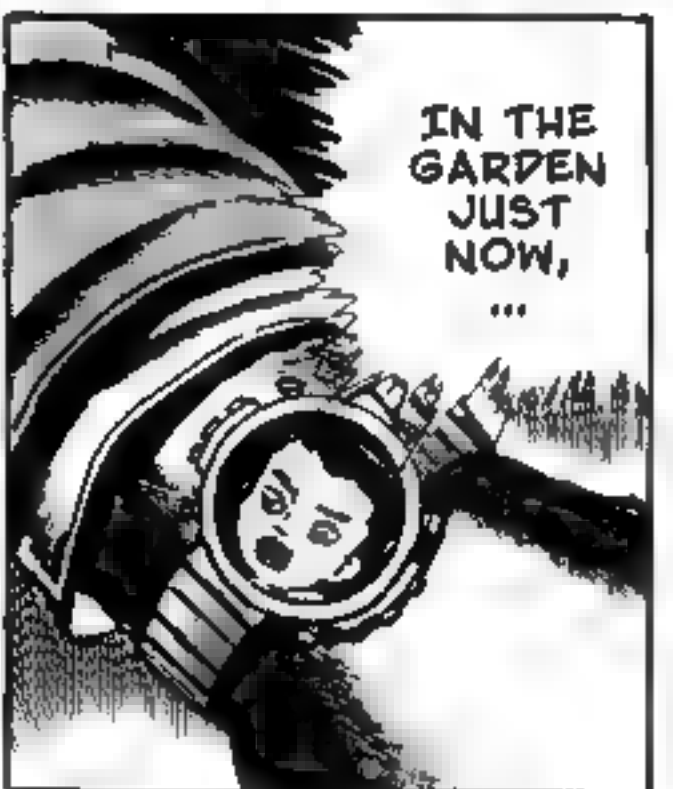
FATHER.



FATHER.



...I WAS
LOOKING
FOR MY
BALL,
...



IN THE
GARDEN
JUST
NOW,
...



UMM...



WHAT?!



...AND
I MET A
VEINLESS
CHILD.



OUR GARDEN
IS STRICTLY
MONITORED
BY SECURITY
GUARDS,
THAT CAN'T
BE POSSIBLE!!



BUT
IT'S TRUE.
I TOUCHED
HIM AND HE
HAD NO
VEINS.



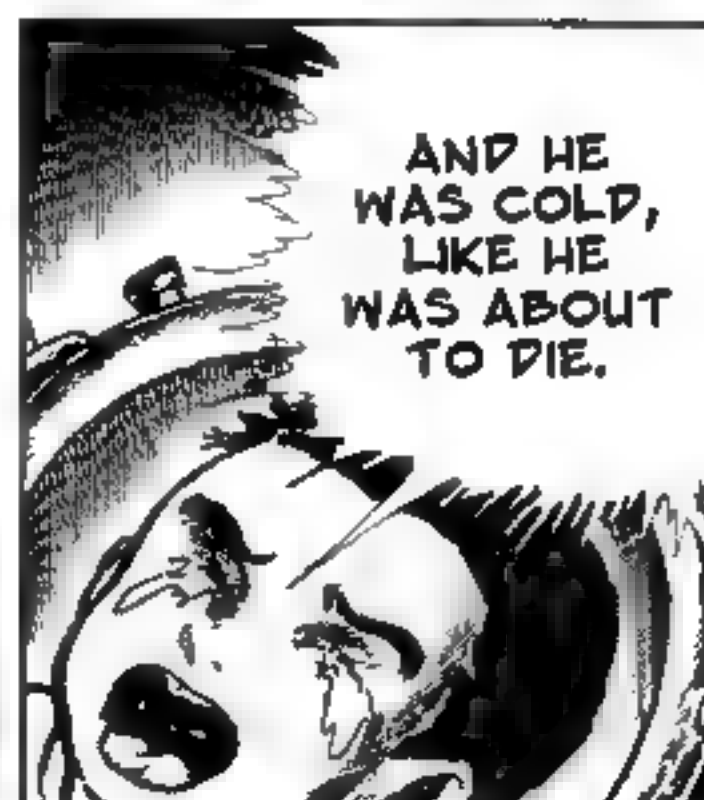
DON'T
LIE!!



I'M
SCAAAARED!
FATHER,
PLEASE
COME HOME
SOOOOON!!



UWAAAAAN!!



AND HE
WAS COLD,
LIKE HE
WAS ABOUT
TO DIE.



ONCE
I FINISH,
I'LL COME
RIGHT HOME,
SO STAY
INSIDE AND
WAIT.



BUT
RIGHT NOW,
FATHER'S IN
THE MIDDLE
OF A VERY
IMPORTANT
JOB,

ALRIGHT,
I'LL
COME
HOME
SOON.





SFX: SQUEE.



I'M
GOING
TO
CONTACT
HIM.



HE HAS
A SON
THE SAME
AGE AS
MINE.

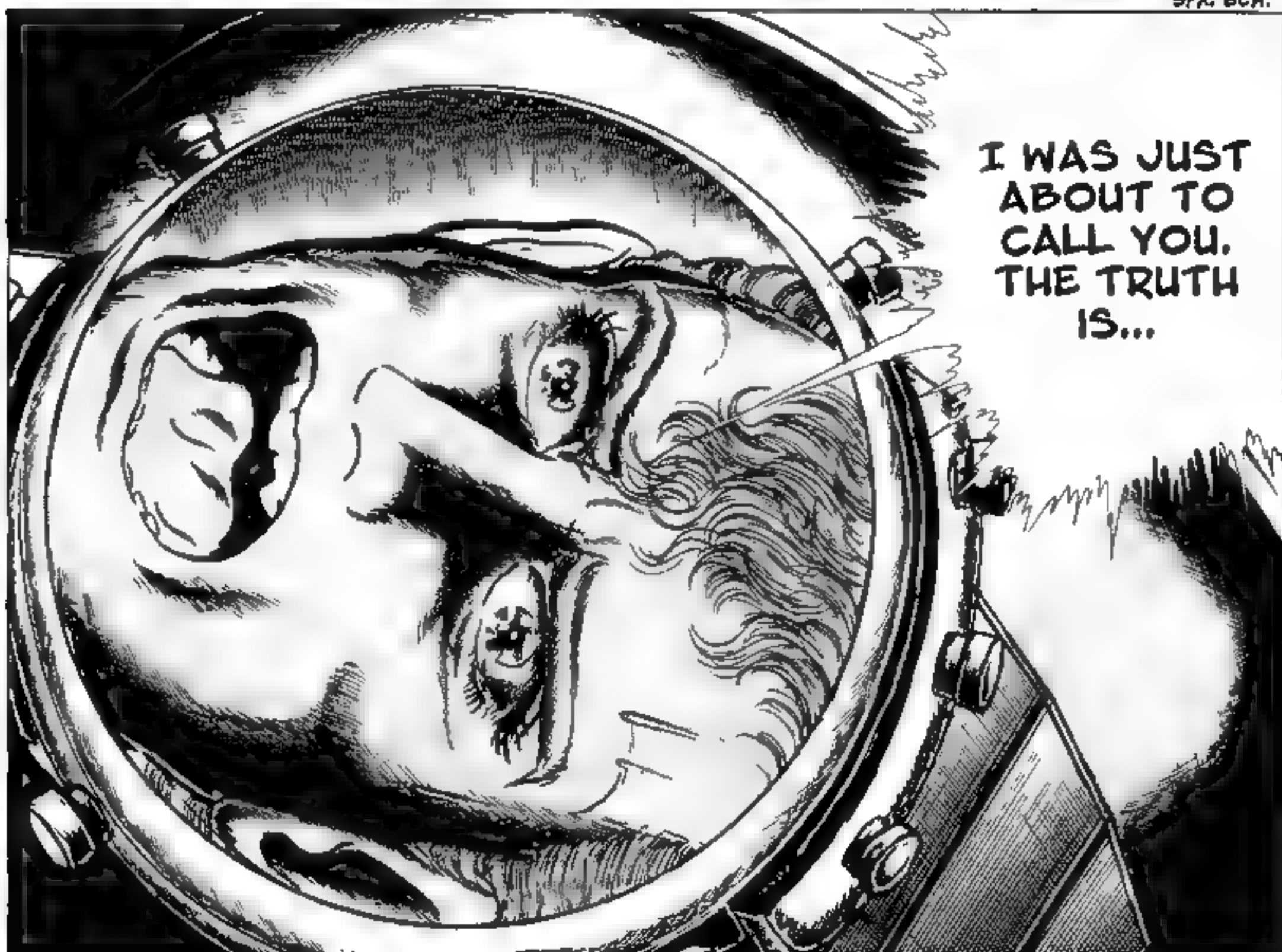
I WONDER
WHAT
PRESIDENT
YOUNG IN
AMERICA
IS DOING
NOW.



OH!!
PRIME
MINISTER
MISAKI!!



SFX: BCH.



I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO
CALL YOU.
THE TRUTH
IS...

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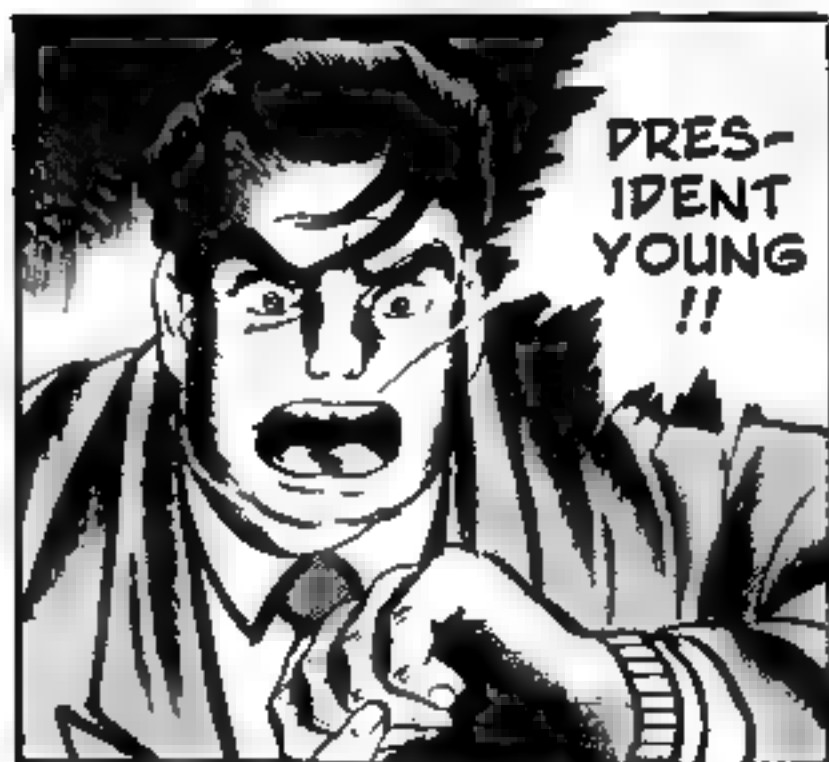
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EHH
?!



PRES-
IDENT
YOUNG
!!



NO!!
THE EARTH'S
RHYTHM HAS
GONE CRAZY!!



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN BY
THE EARTH'S
RHYTHM?



I CAN'T
EXPLAIN IT
TOO WELL,
BUT IT SEEMS
THAT THE
EARTH HAS
A SPECIFIC
RHYTHM.



WELL...



AND IT
APPEARS THAT WE
ACCIDENTALLY
TOUCHED THE
SOURCE OF THAT
RHYTHM!!



W-WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
PLEASE EXPLAIN
THIS IN MORE
DETAIL!!



I UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU
MEAN ABOUT
MEDDLING
UNDER THE
SURFACE OF
THE EARTH TOO
MUCH, BUT...



YES, THAT'S IT.
AND NOW WE'VE
FINALLY TOUCHED
A PART OF THE
EARTH THAT WE
SHOULDN'T HAVE!!



YES!!



**NASA
HASN'T
A CLUE
EITHER!!**



**A PART OF
THE EARTH?!**



**THE
MECHANISMS
OF THE EARTH
HAVE GONE
AWRY!!**



WHAT
I MEAN
TO SAY
IS...!!



...RIGHT
NOW,
IN MY
GARDEN!!





I-IT
CAN'T
BE!



A VOL-
CANO
IN
AMERICA
?!



ALLOW
ME TO
SHOW
YOU.



LOOK,
THERE
IT IS.

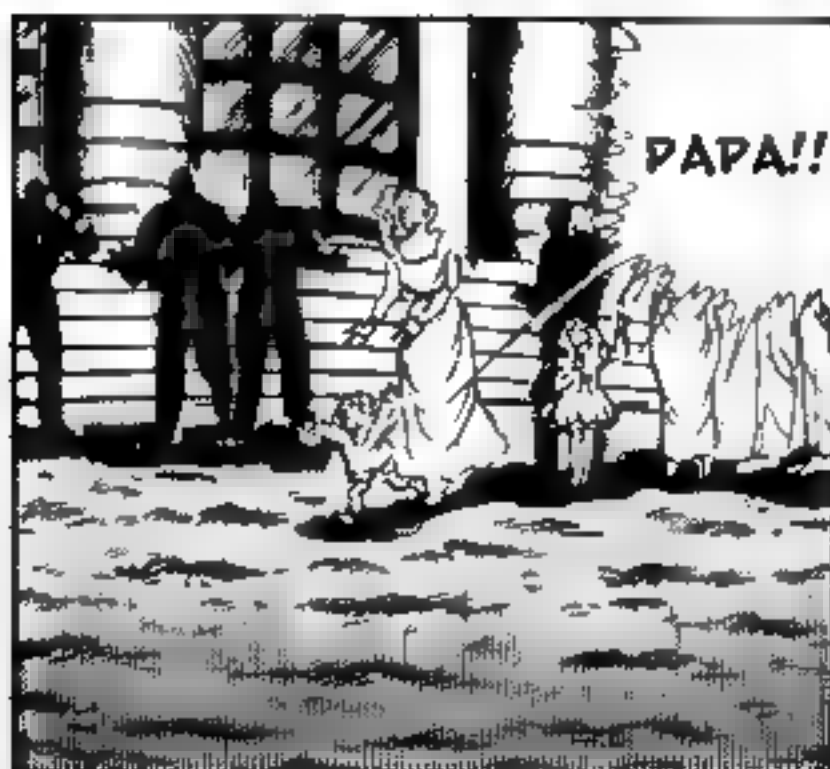




IT'S
ERUPTING
RIGHT
NOW.



IT'S TOO
DANGER-
OUS
TO GET
ANY
CLOSER.



PAPA!!



T-THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING
!!



SFX: CLANG.



AHH,
AMERICA!!
STOP RIGHT
THERE!



I SAW A
VEINLESS
CHILD.



PAPA!!



DON'T
GO OVER
THERE!



THERE
!!



RIGHT
THERE!!



WHO TOLD
THIS STORY
TO AMERICA
?!



WE JUST
HEARD THAT
A VOLCANO
APPEARED IN
YOUR GARDEN,
SO WE CAME
RUNNING
HERE.



YES.

RIGHT,
EILEEN?



AHHH!!
IT WASN'T
US, BRO.



EHH...



RIGHT,
TED?



BUT THAT
REMINDS ME,
THE CHILDREN
WERE TALKING
ABOUT THAT
STORY IN THE
CAR ON THE WAY
HERE.



BUT WHY
WOULD I THINK UP
SOME CHILDISH
STORY LIKE THAT,
MAMA?



Y-YEAH.

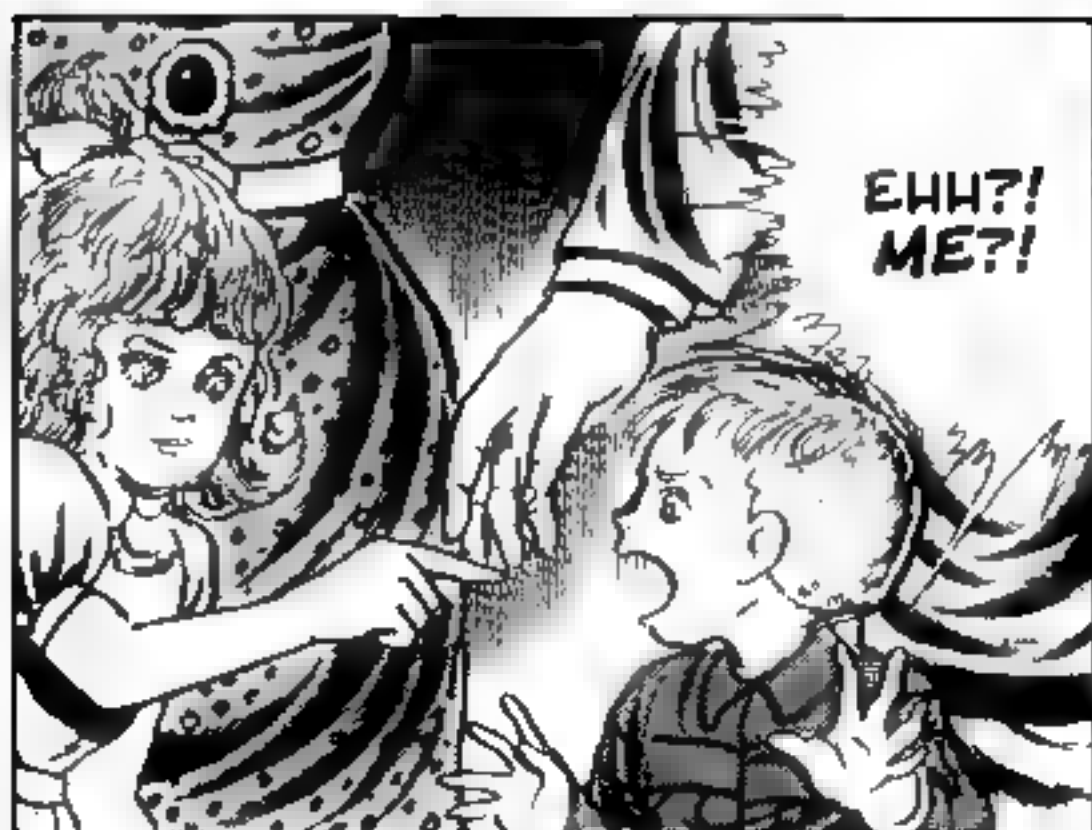


IT WAS
SUE WHO
SAID IT.



IS THIS
TRUE,
SUE?





EHH?!
ME?!



NO,
PETE'S
THE ONE
WHO
STARTED
IT.



...IT
WASN'T
ME!!



I-I-I-IT...!!



WE JUST
STARTED
TALKING
ABOUT IT ALL
OF A SUDDEN.



I DIDN'T
TELL
AMERICA
ANYTHING.
IT'S THE
TRUTH.



THEN WHO
WAS IT?



WAAAAAT?!



SO IT WAS YOU, PETE.



IT DOESN'T MATTER!! THIS ALL MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING.



B-BUT...!!

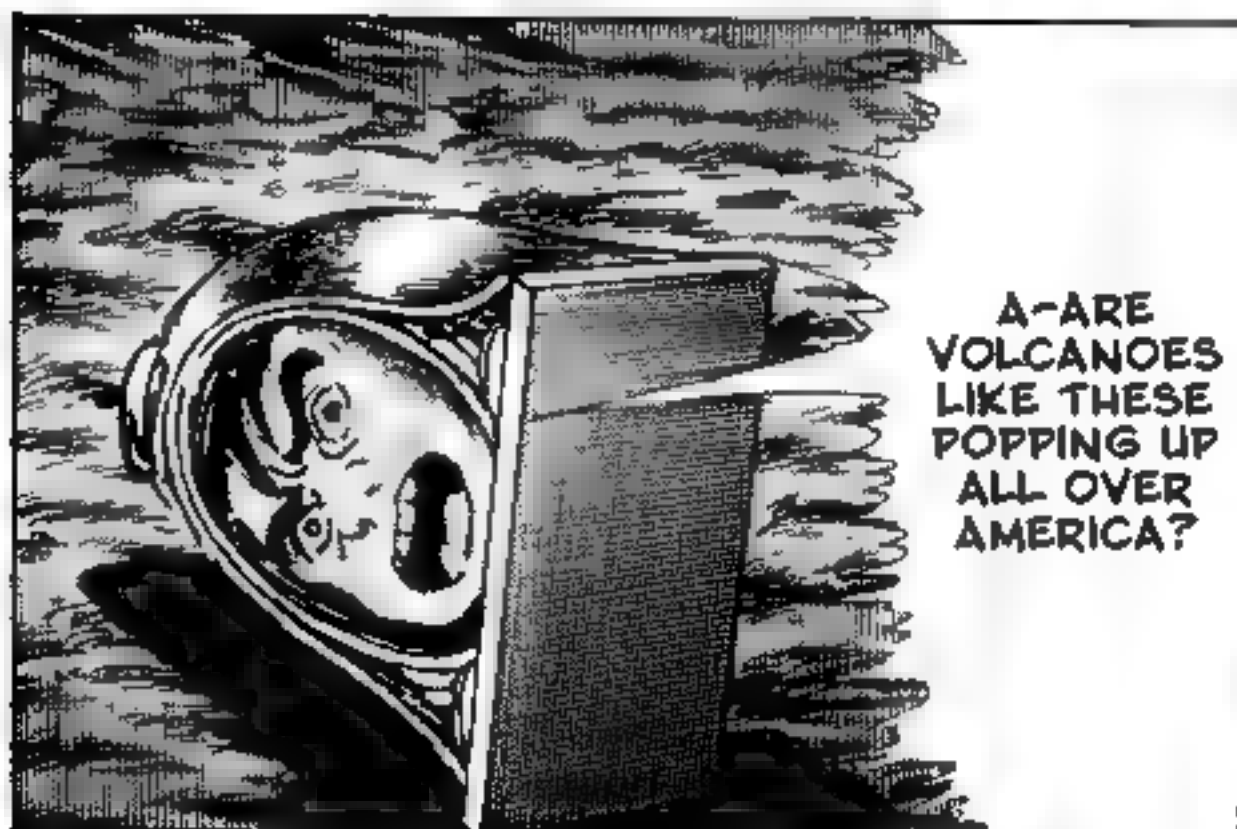
YOU'RE THE CLOSEST ONE TO AMERICA.



IT'S A GOOD THING I HAVE A WIDE GARDEN.



THAT HORRIFYING VOLCANO IS MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.



A-ARE VOLCANOES LIKE THESE POPPING UP ALL OVER AMERICA?



PRESIDENT YOUNG!!



IT SEEMS
LIKE IT'S
ONLY
HAPPENING
AT MY
HOUSE
FOR NOW.



AHH!!
SORRY FOR
THROWING
YOU DOWN
LIKE THAT,
PRIME
MINSTER
MISAKI.



BUT
IT'S EVEN
BETTER TO
HEAR THAT
YOUR SON'S
GREEN HAIR
IS IN GOOD
CONDITION.

HE'S
FINE,
THANK
YOU.



I'M GOING
TO HAVE THIS
INVESTIGATED
EVEN FURTHER.
NOW THEN,
HOW IS YOUR
SON DOING?



THE GREEN
IN YOUR SON'S
HAIR IS NOW
THE ONLY LIVING
GREEN LEFT ON
THIS PLANET!!

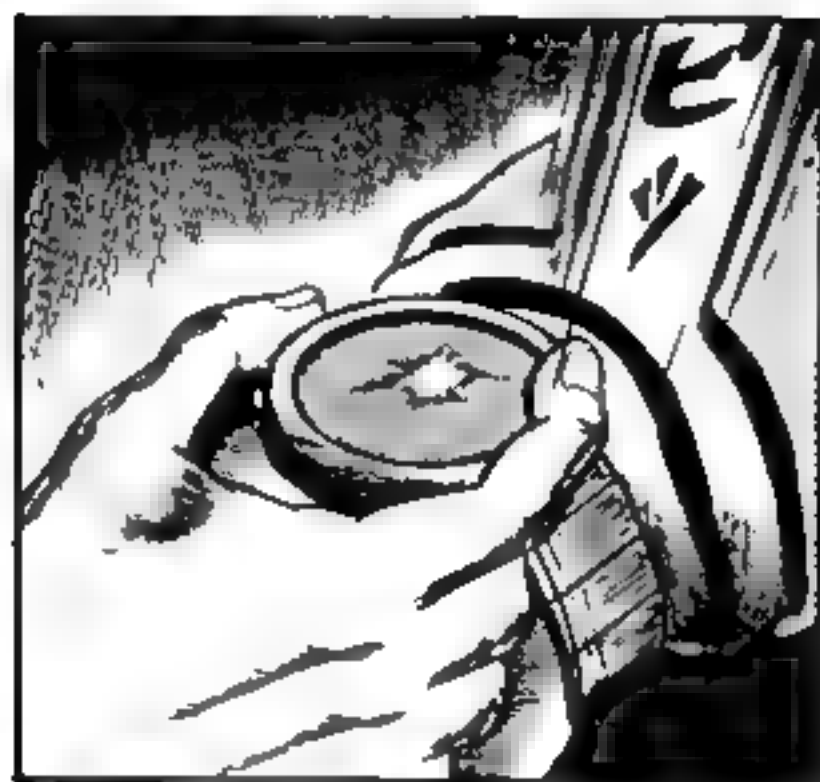
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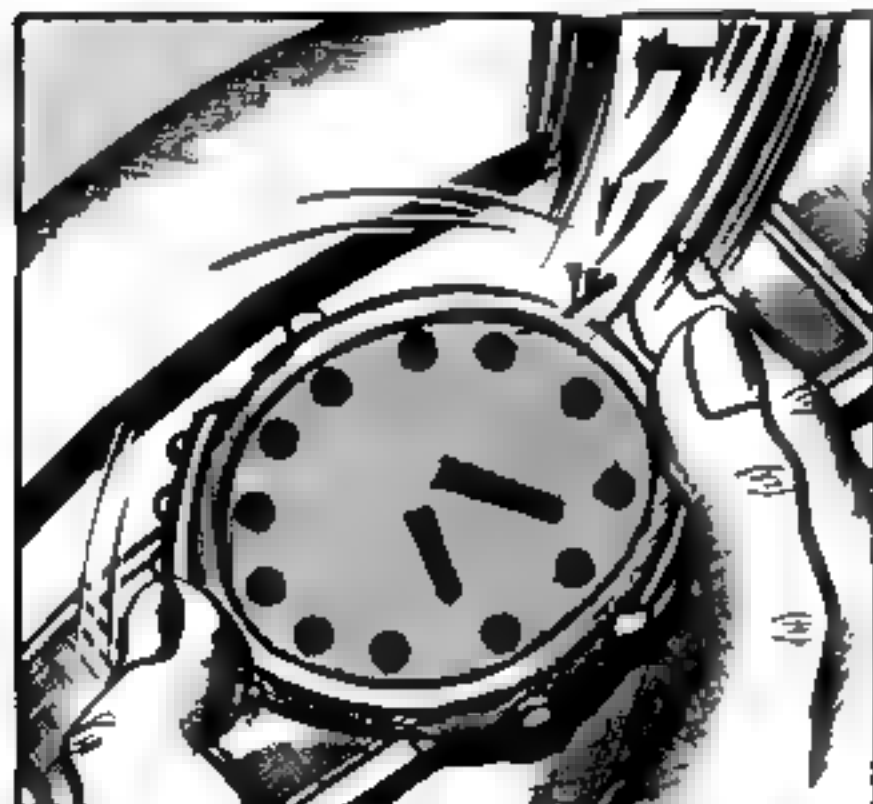






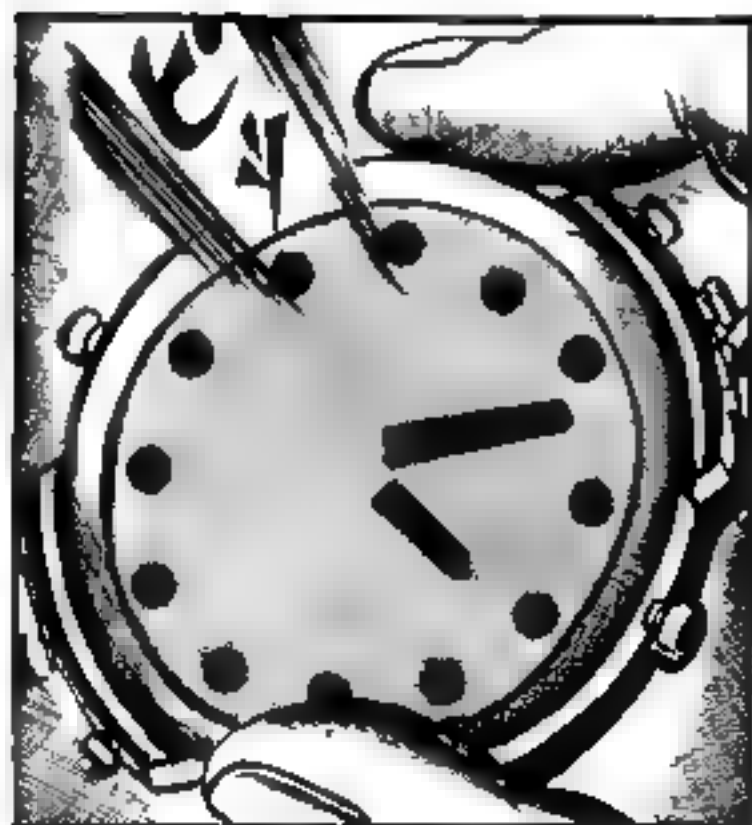


SFX: BEEP.



SFX: SQUEE.







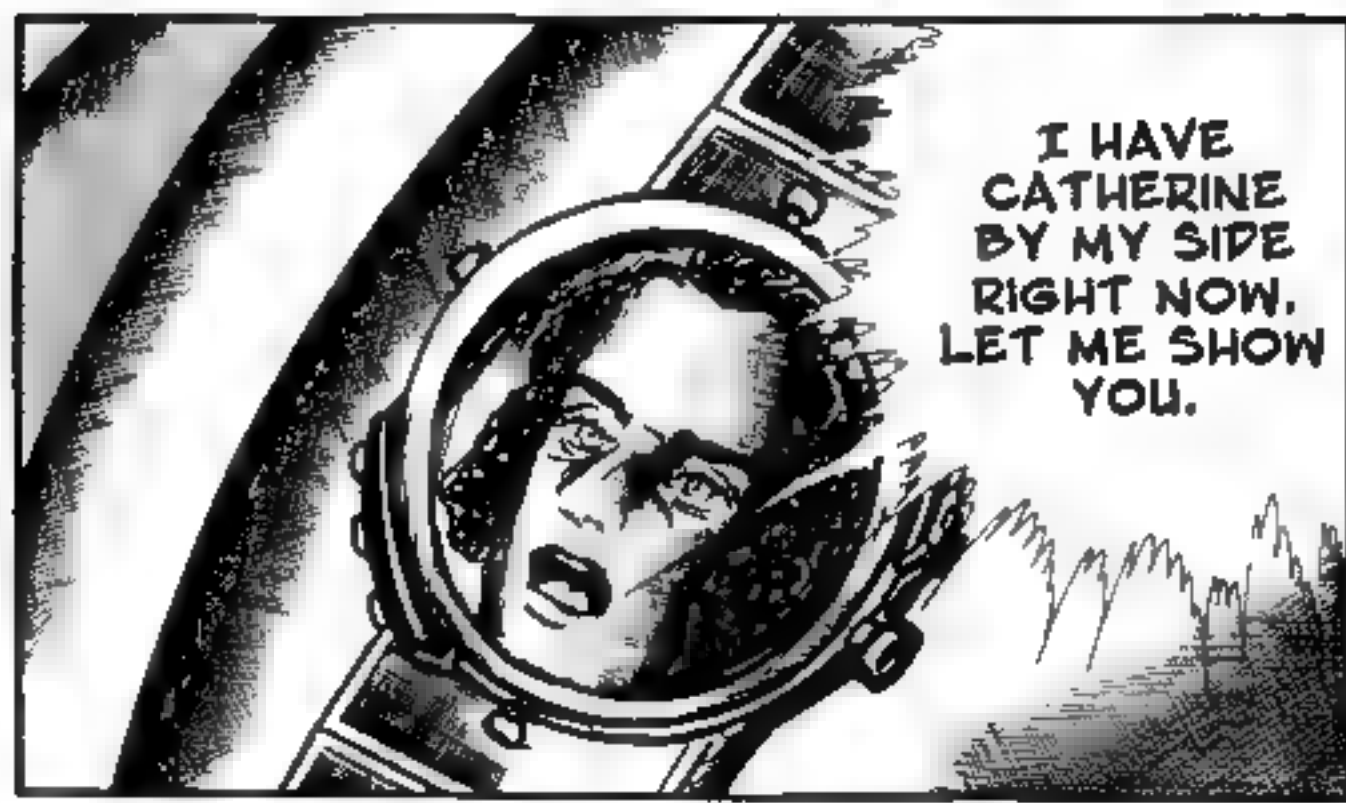
AHH, YES,
I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO
CALL YOU
CONCERNING
THAT.



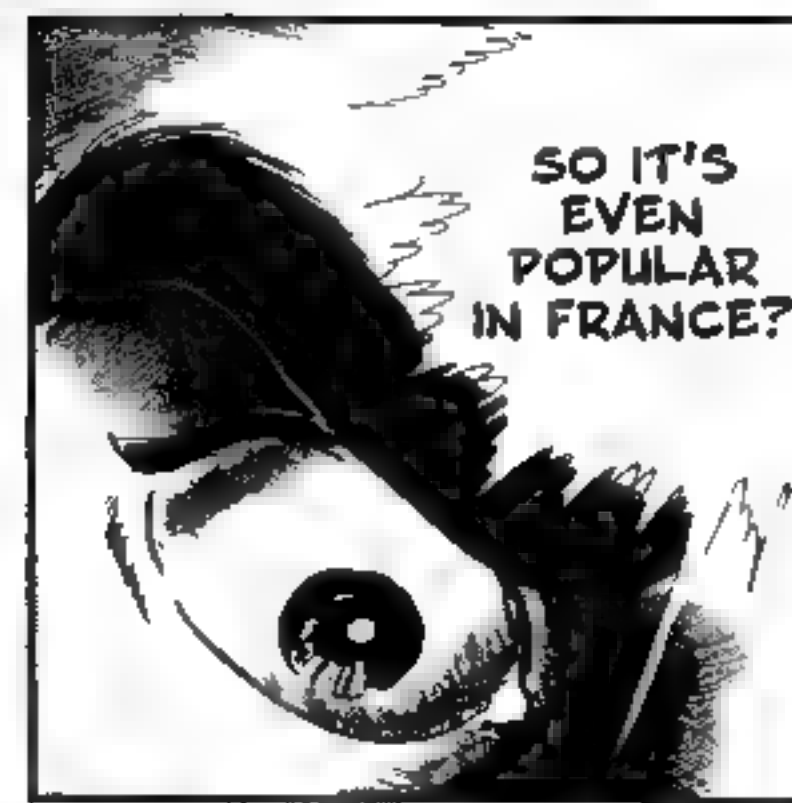
Y-YES,
EXACT-
LY.



IT'S
A STORY
ABOUT A
VEINLESS
CHILD,
RIGHT?



I HAVE
CATHERINE
BY MY SIDE
RIGHT NOW.
LET ME SHOW
YOU.



SO IT'S
EVEN
POPULAR
IN FRANCE?

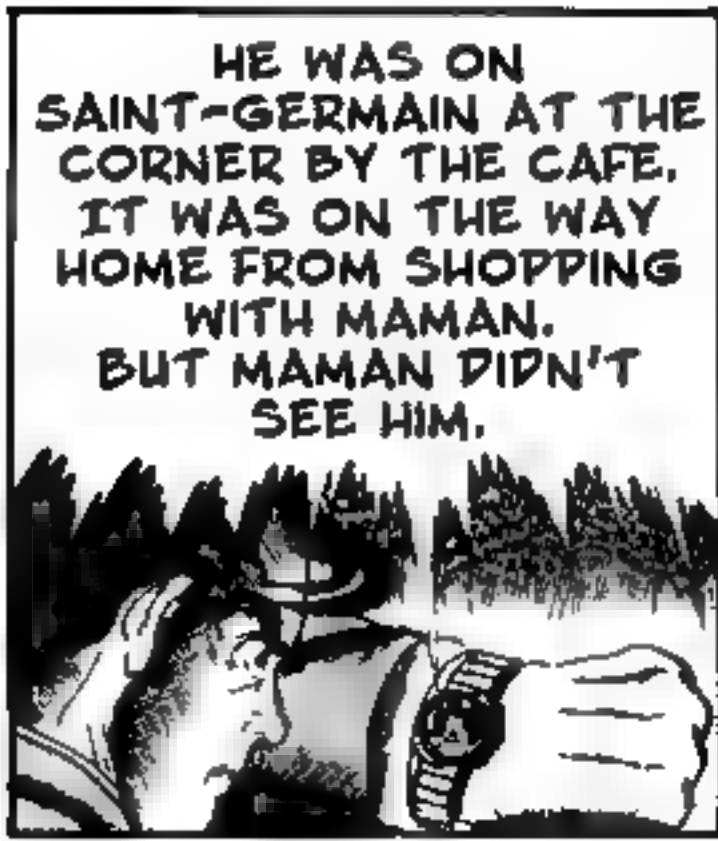


I'M
SCAA-
AARED
!!



UWAAAAAN!





HE WAS ON
SAINT-GERMAIN AT THE
CORNER BY THE CAFE.
IT WAS ON THE WAY
HOME FROM SHOPPING
WITH MAMAN.
BUT MAMAN DIDN'T
SEE HIM.



WHEN I
TOUCHED
HIM HE HAD
NO VEINS.

I SAW A
VEINLESS
CHILD,
IT'S THE
TRUTH.



BUT NOT
WHILE
YOU'RE
HOLDING
ON TO
YOUR JUICE
LIKE THAT.

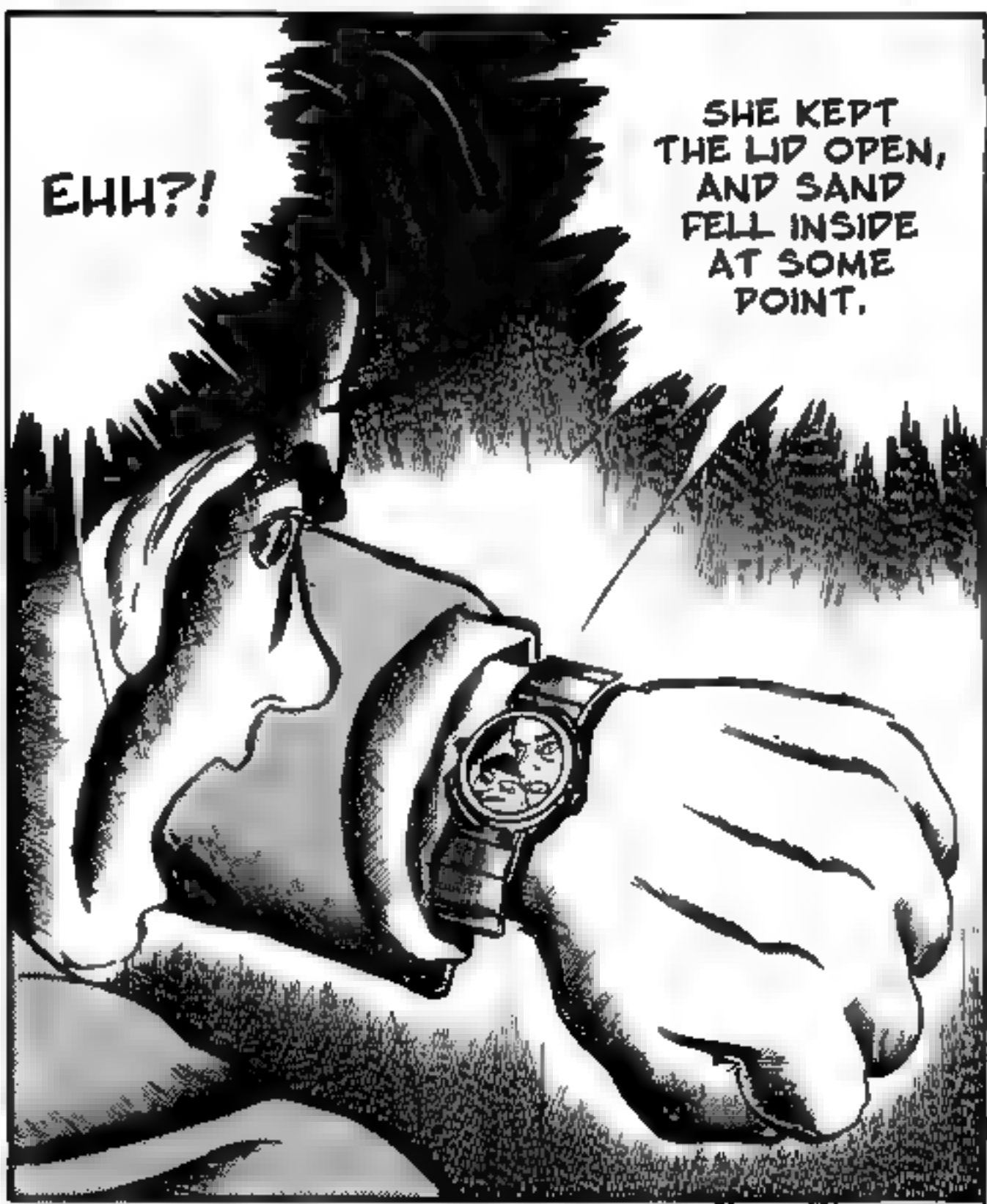
CATHERINE,
EXPLAINING
THINGS WHILE
YOU CRY
IS OK.



AAAAAN!



MAMAN
SAYS IT
WAS JUST MY
IMAGINATION.
BUT I DON'T
LIKE MAMAN.



EHH?!

SHE KEPT
THE LID OPEN,
AND SAND
FELL INSIDE
AT SOME
POINT.



SFX: SUCK.



AHH!!
NO,
DON'T
DRINK
IT!

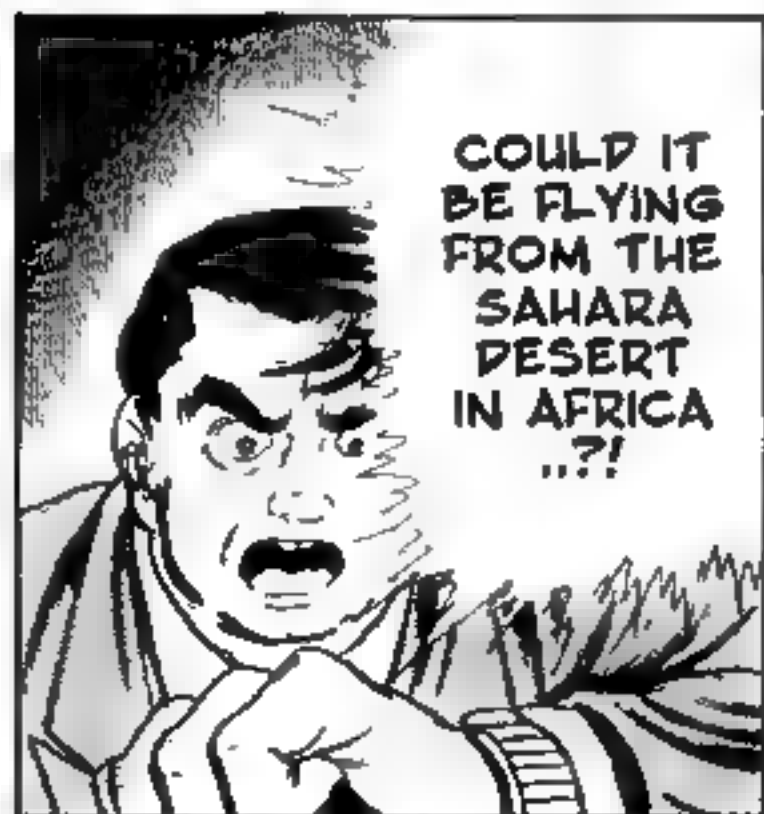


SFX: CRUNCH.

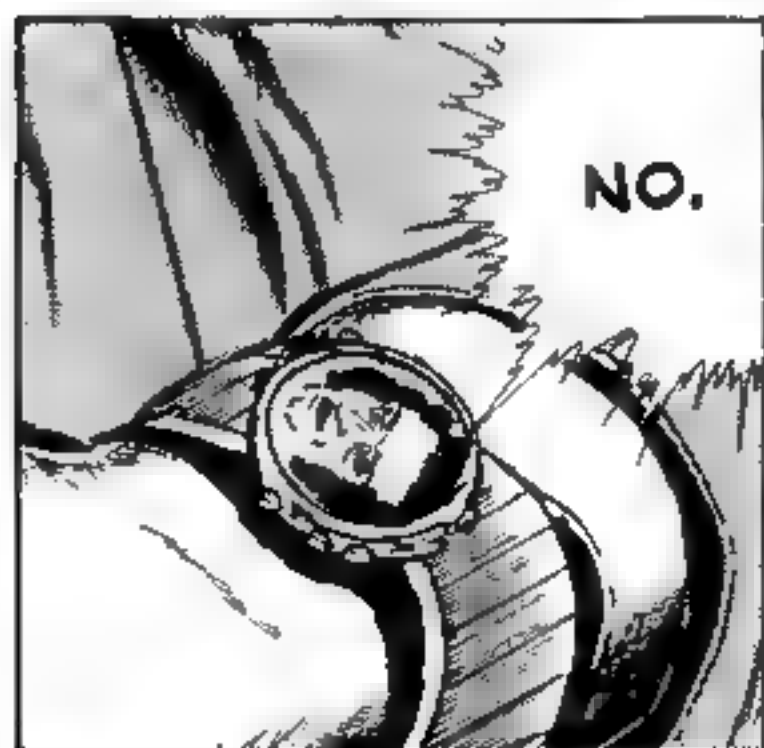




SAND KEEPS
APPEARING IN
THE DELICIOUS
CUISINE OF FRANCE
AND RUINING IT.
FRENCH CUISINE
DOES NOT
REQUIRE ANY
SAND!!



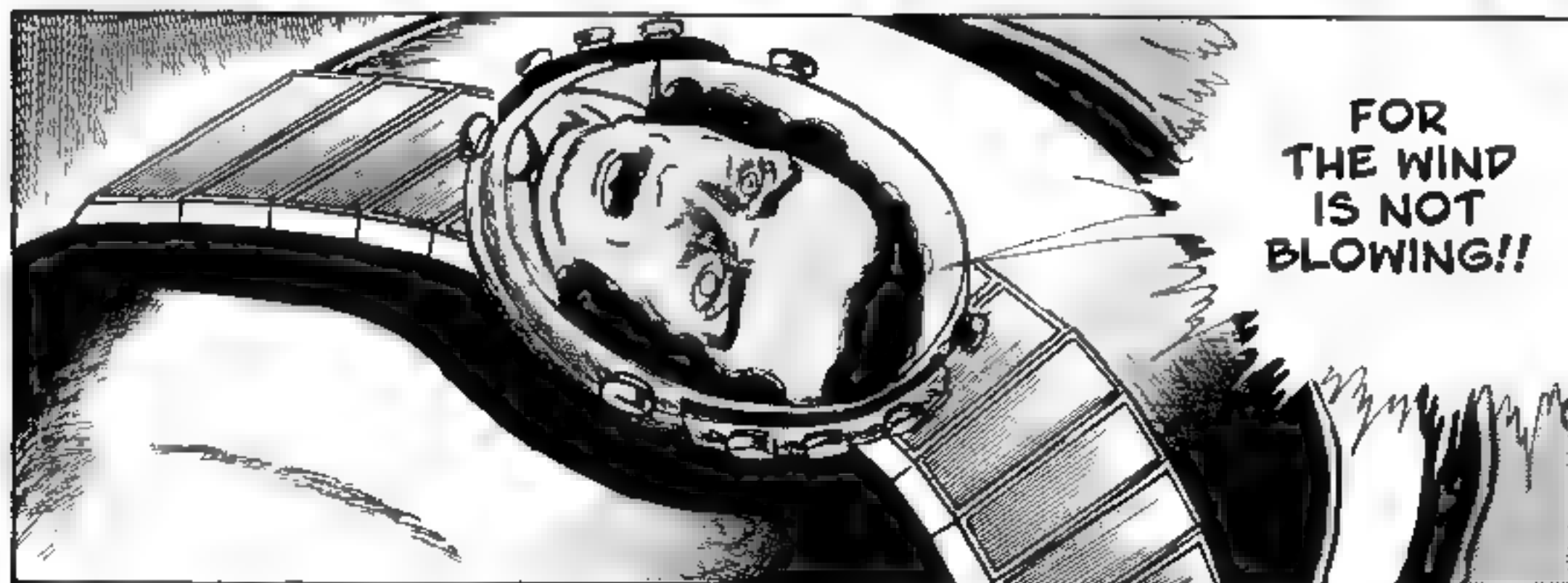
COULD IT
BE FLYING
FROM THE
SAHARA
DESERT
IN AFRICA
...?!



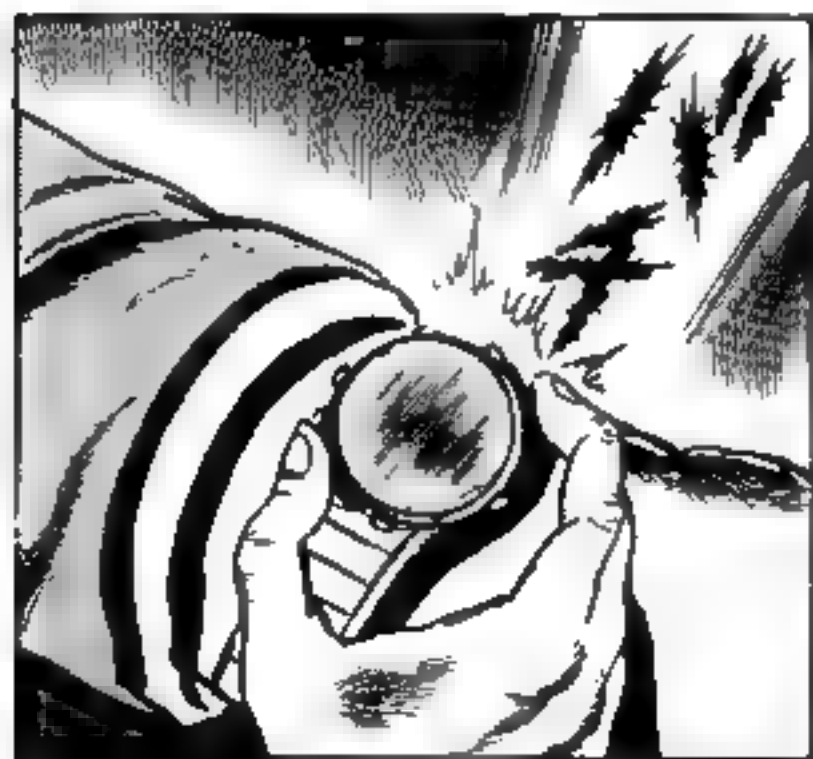
NO.

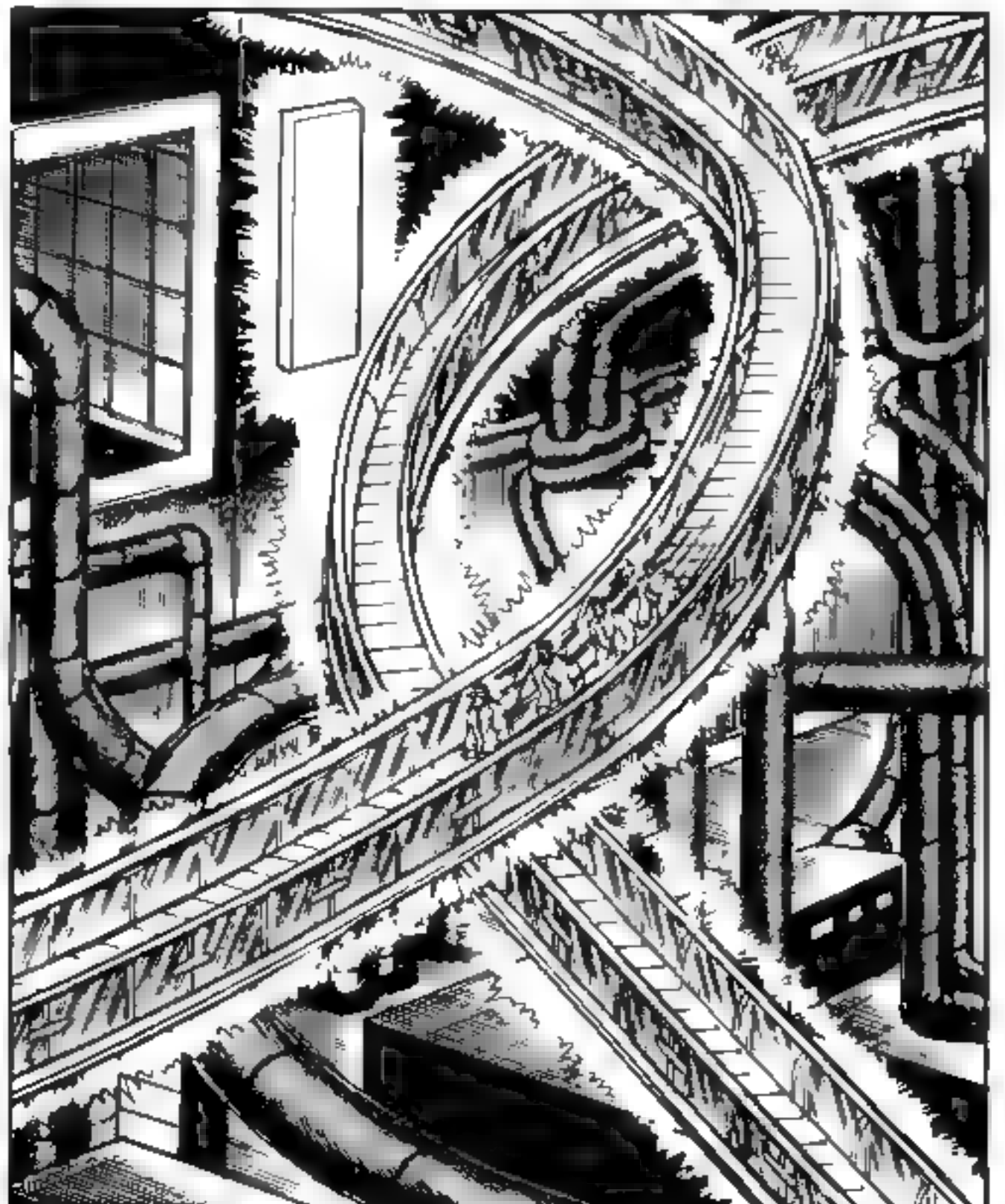
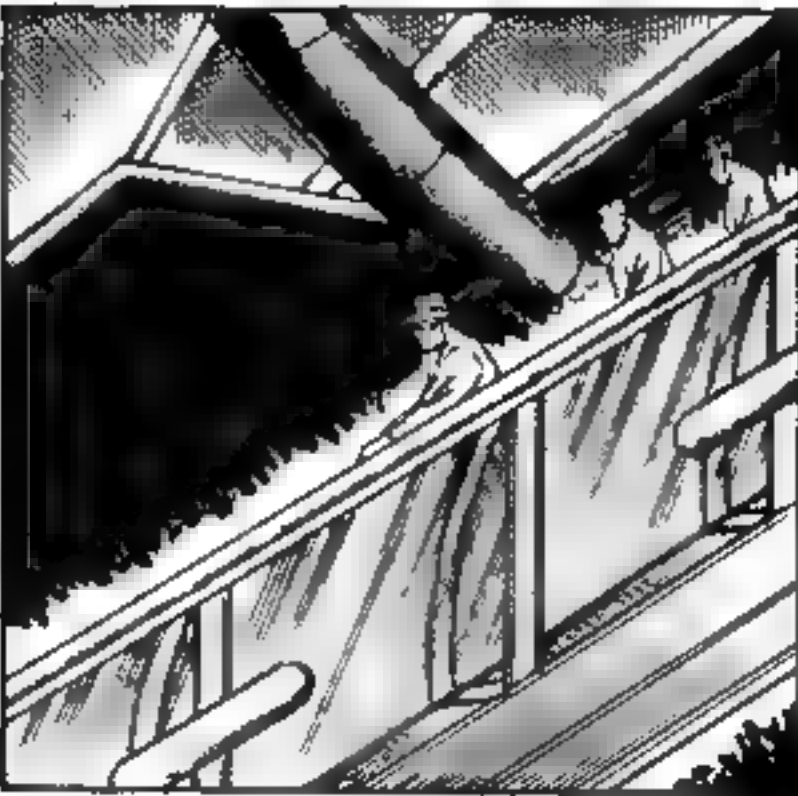
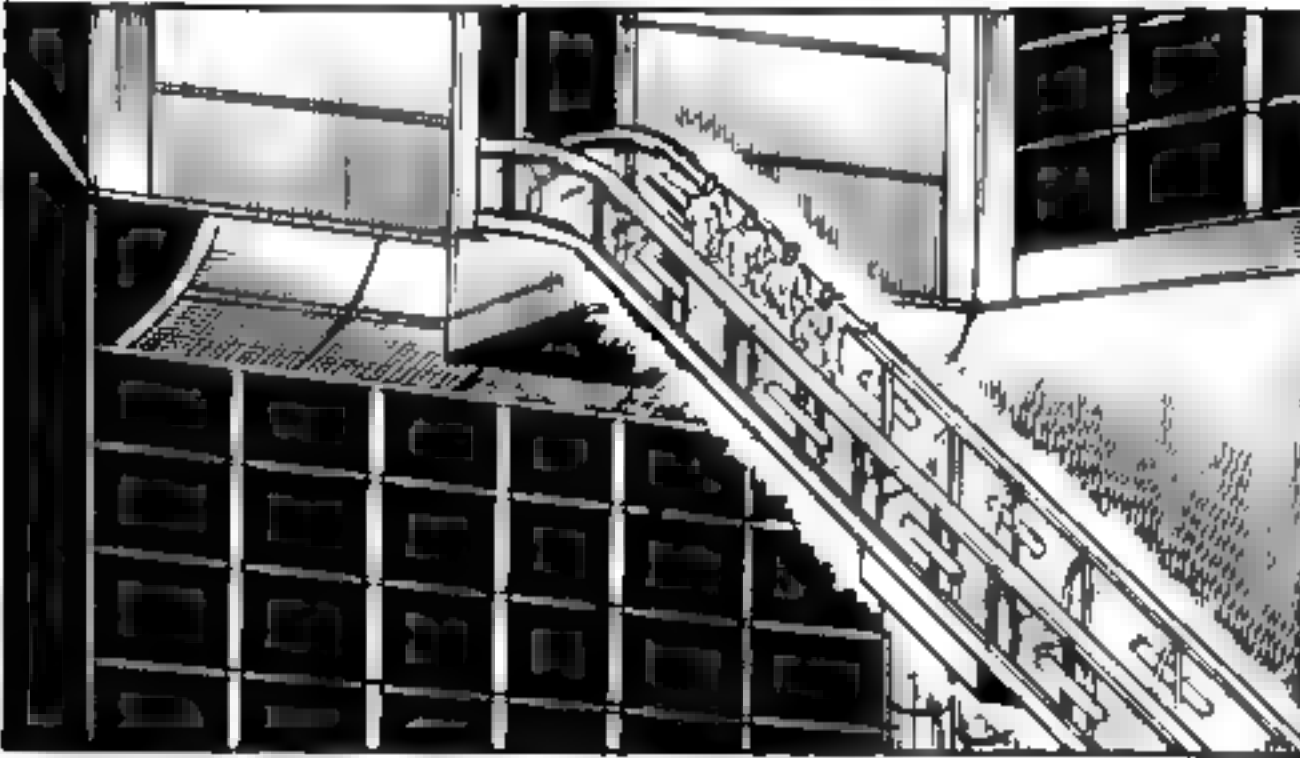
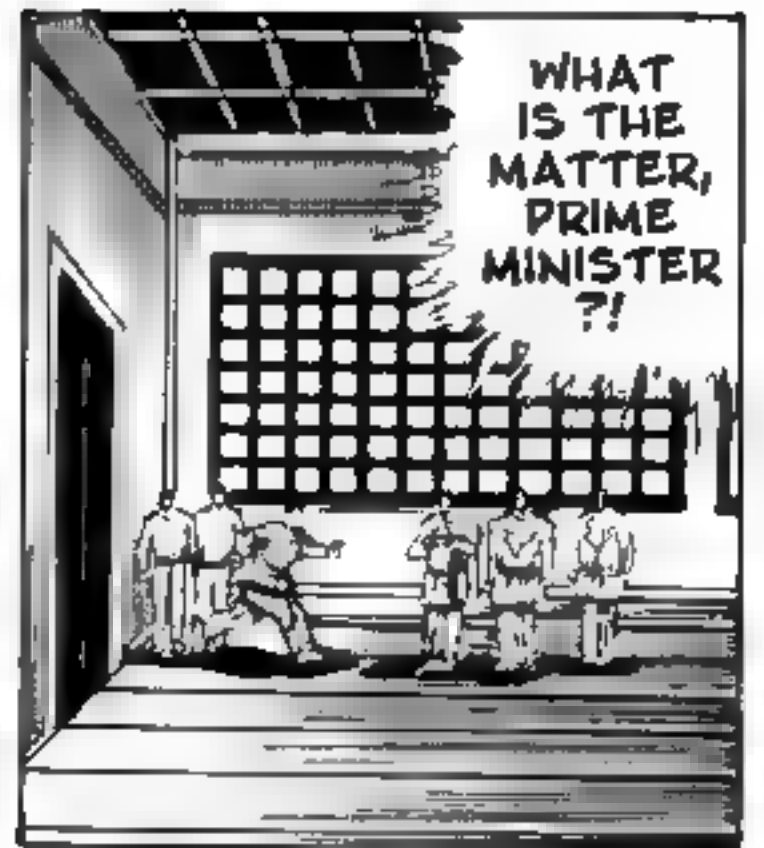


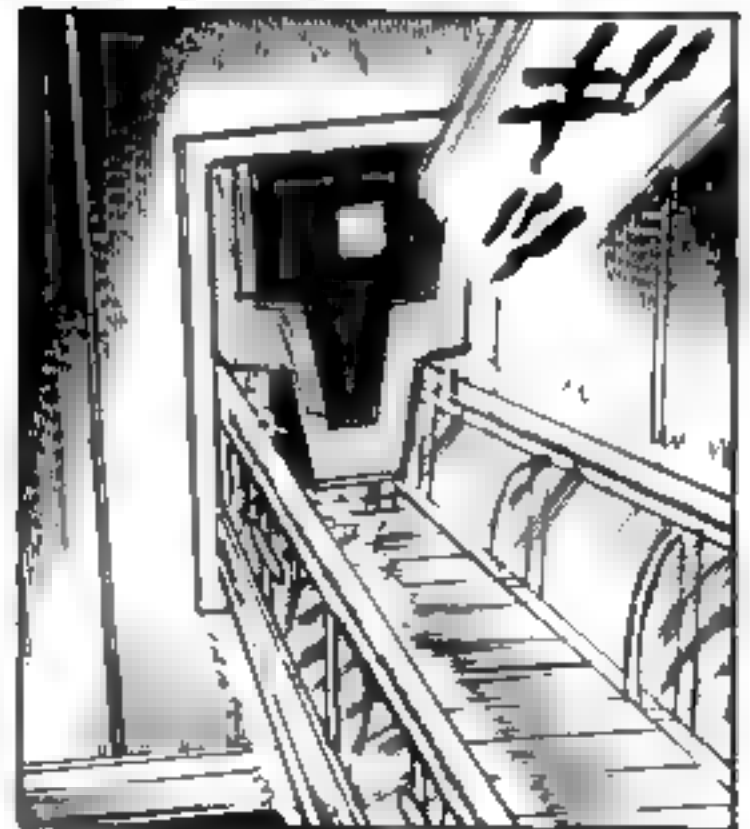
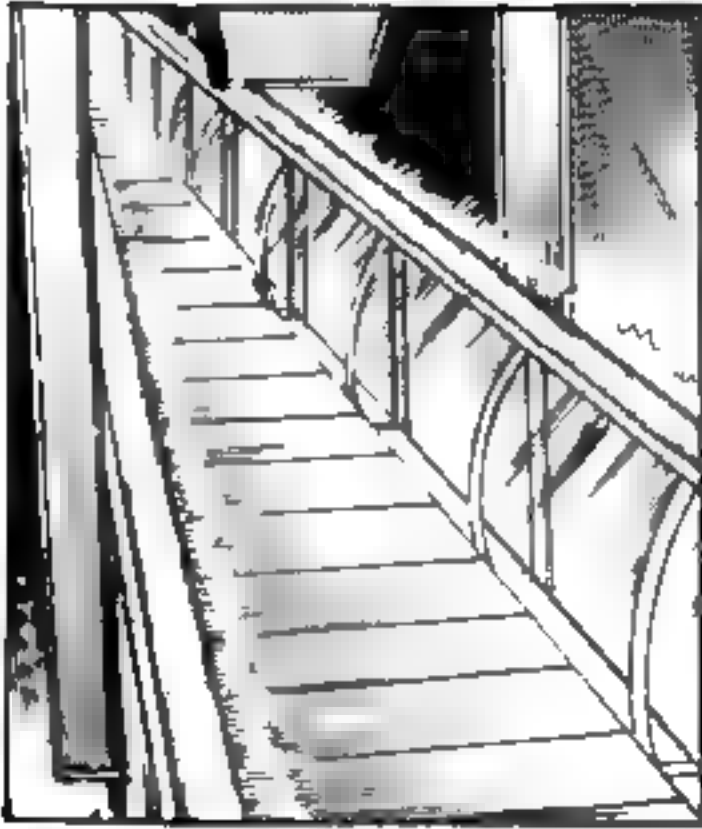
WHERE
COULD
THIS SAND
BE COMING
FROM?!



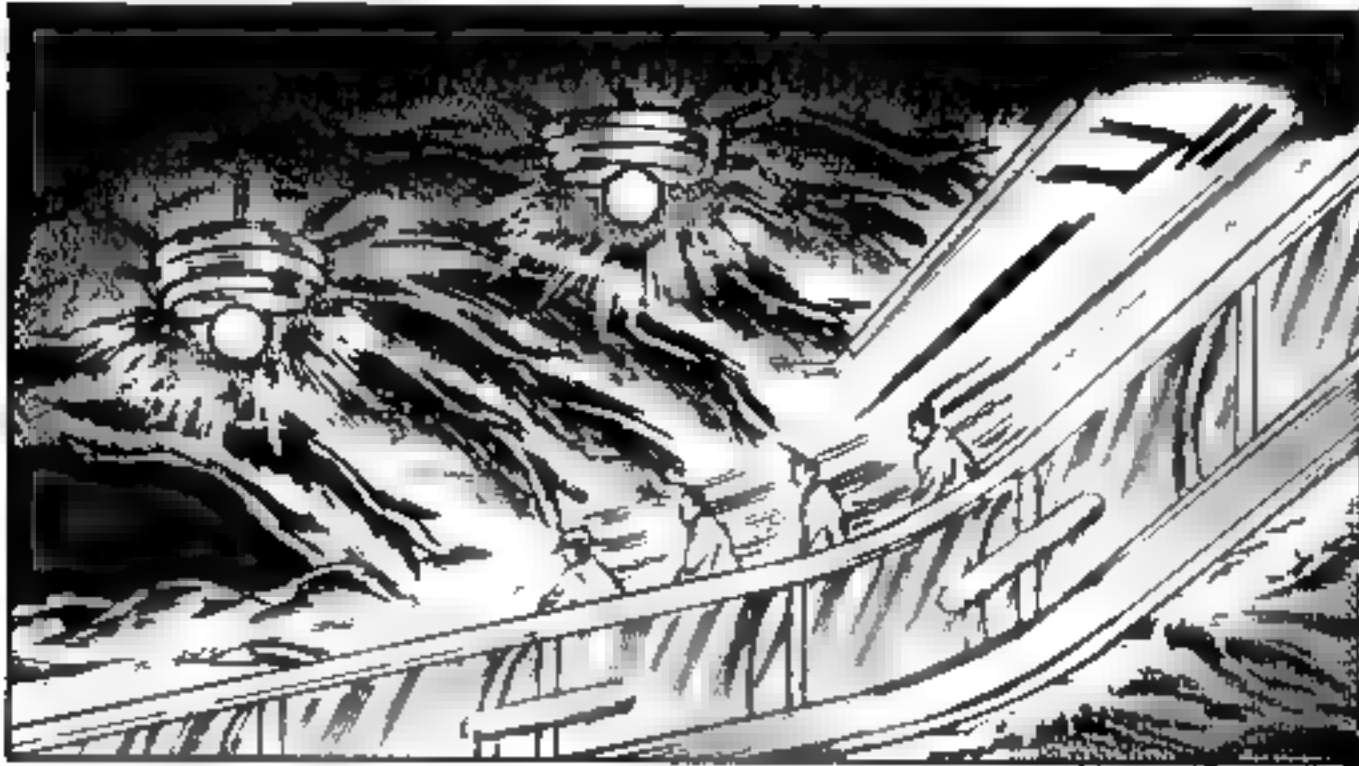
FOR
THE WIND
IS NOT
BLOWING!!







SFX: CREAK.



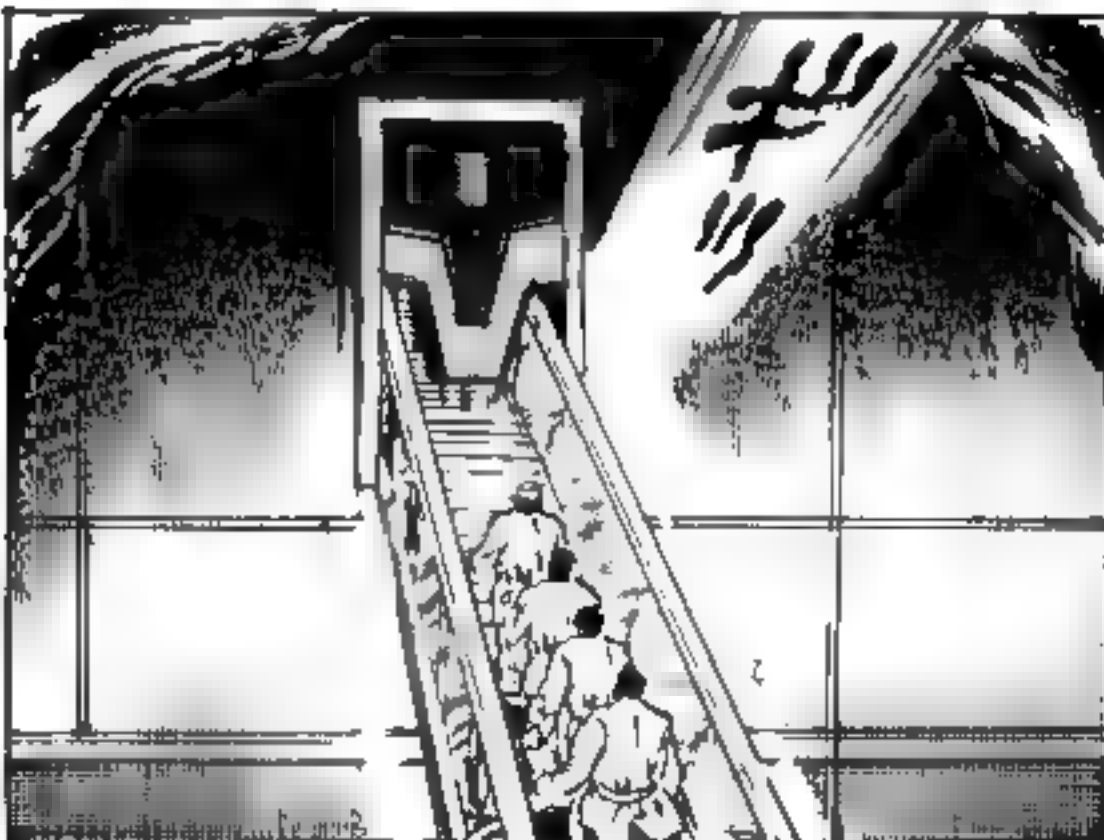
SFX: RUMBLE



SFX: ZOOM.



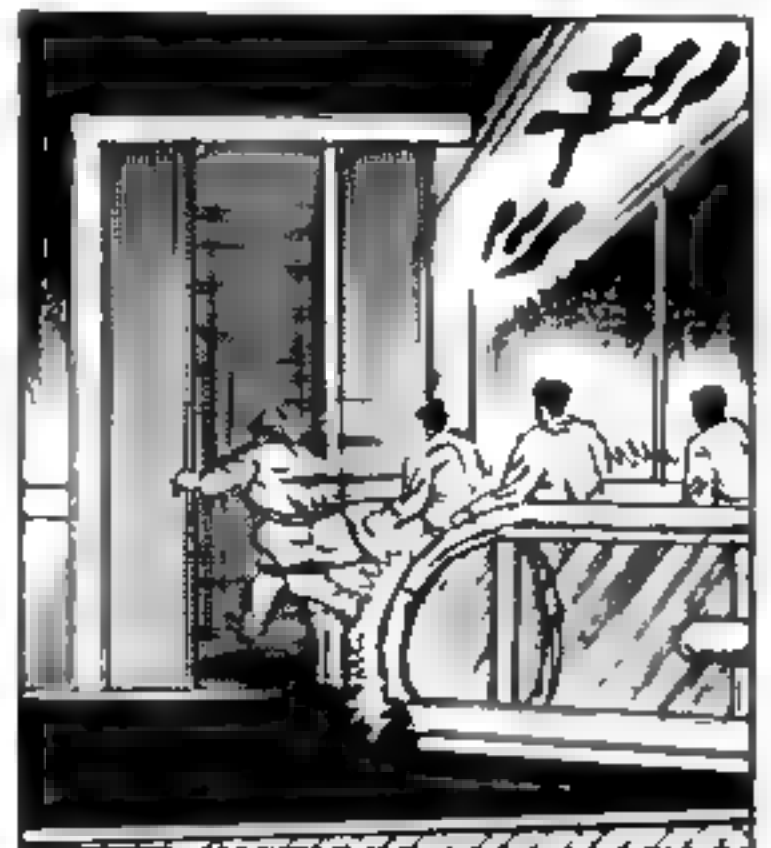
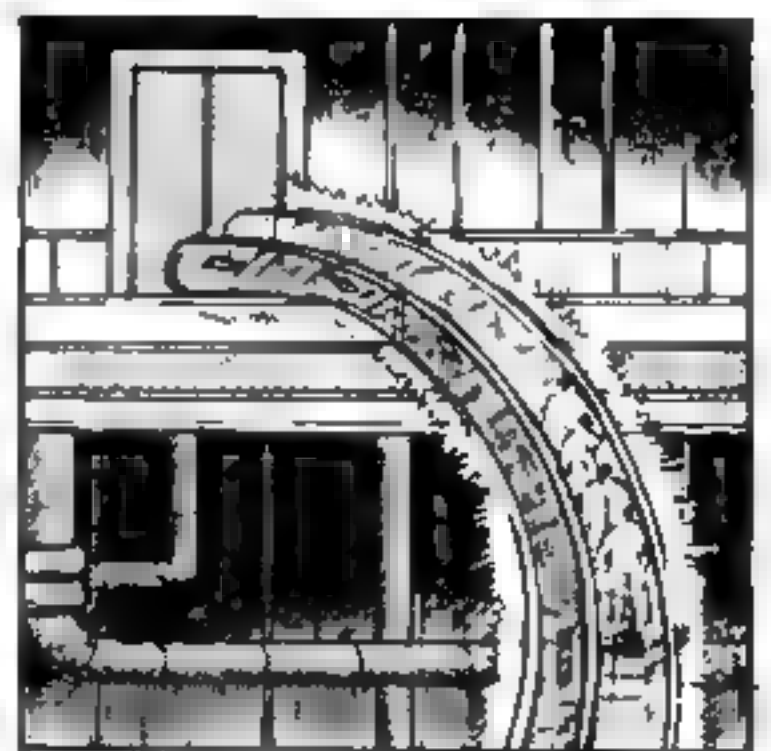
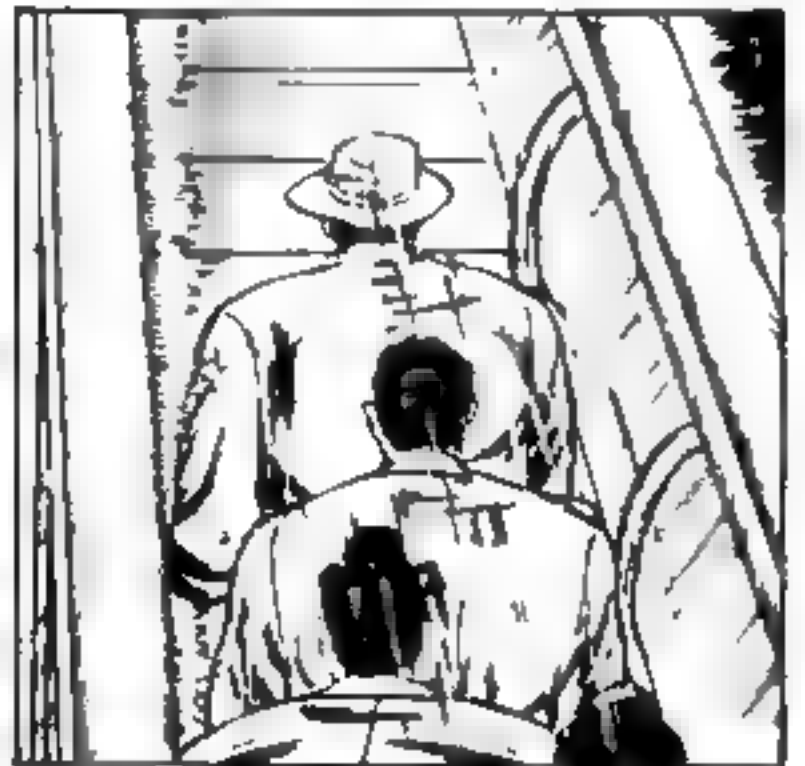
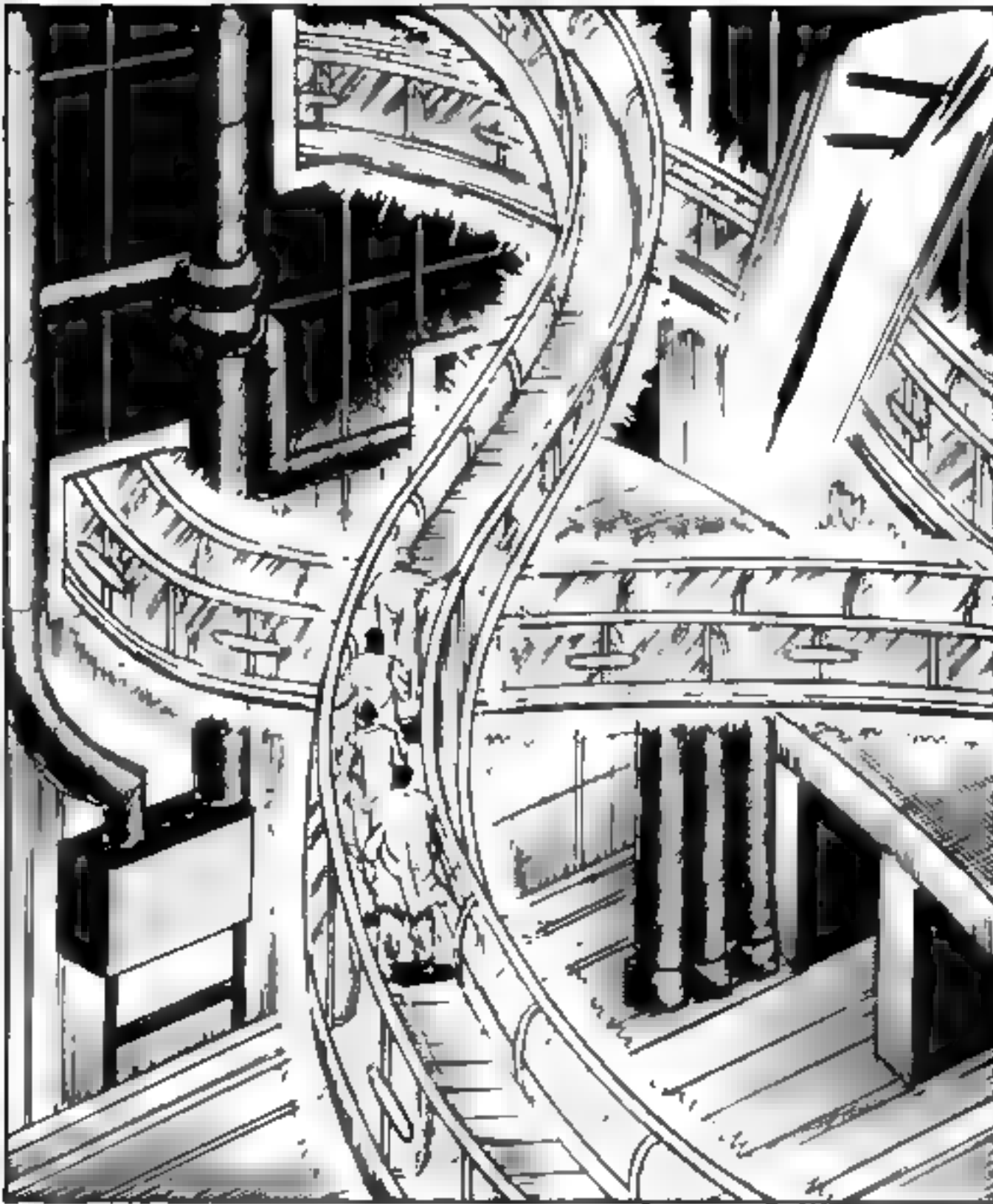
SFX: ZOOM.



SFX: CREAK.

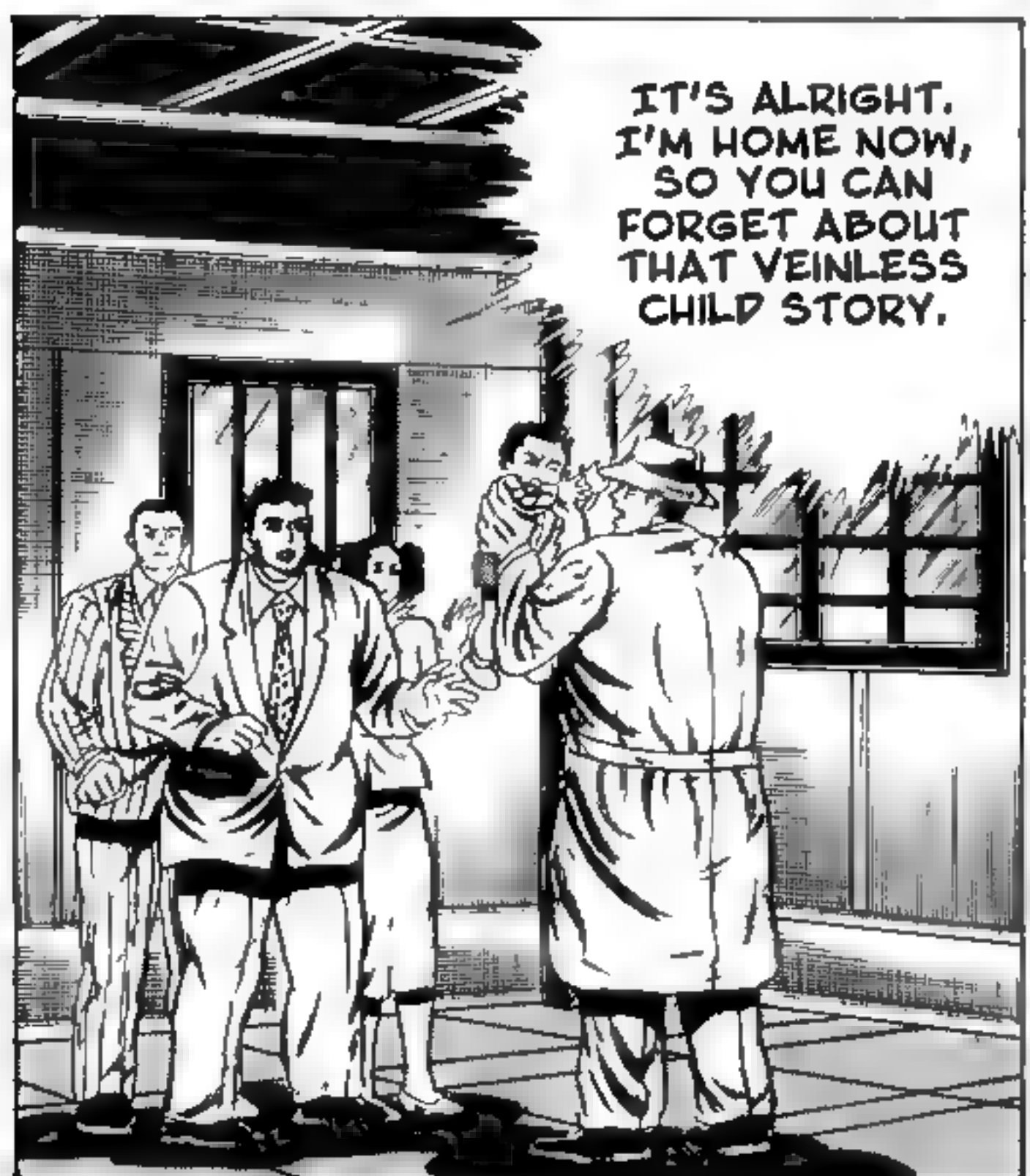


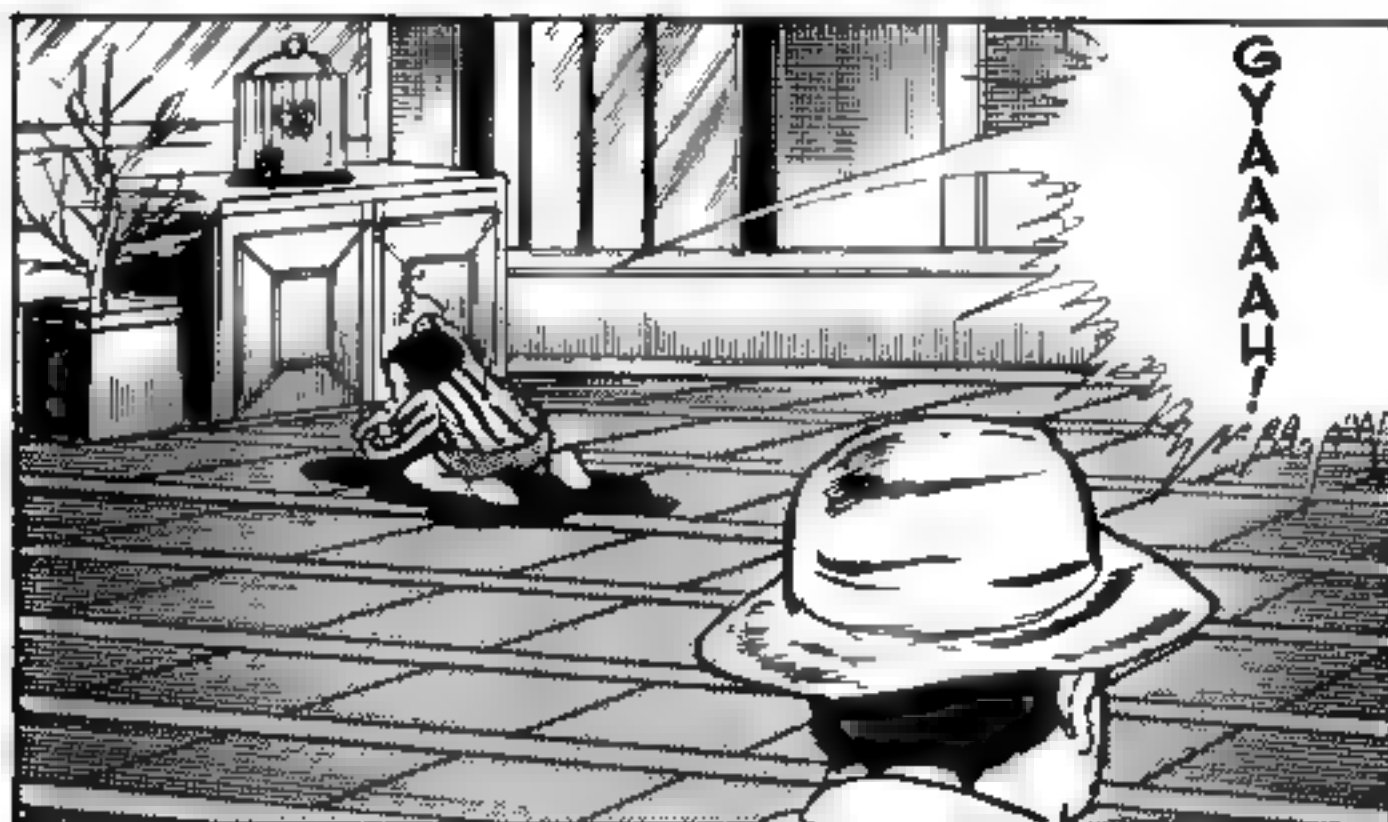
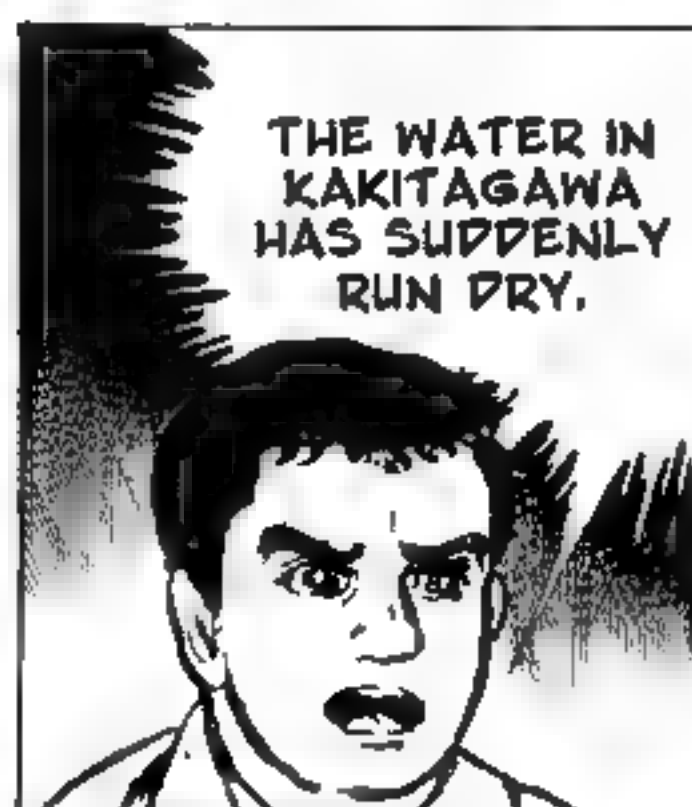
WE'RE
HERE.





SFX. BAM.







...BIT
ME!!



TAROU!



MY
BUTTER-
FLY...

SFX: FLAP FLAP.



SFX: FLAP FLAP.

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SFX: FLAP FLAP.





SFX: FLAP FLAP.





IT LOOKS
LIKE THE
BUTTERFLY
IS REALLY
AGITATED,
THOUGH.

SFX: FLAP FLAP.



LET'S GO TO
OUR ROOM AND
WATCH CHICKEN
GEORGE ON TV.



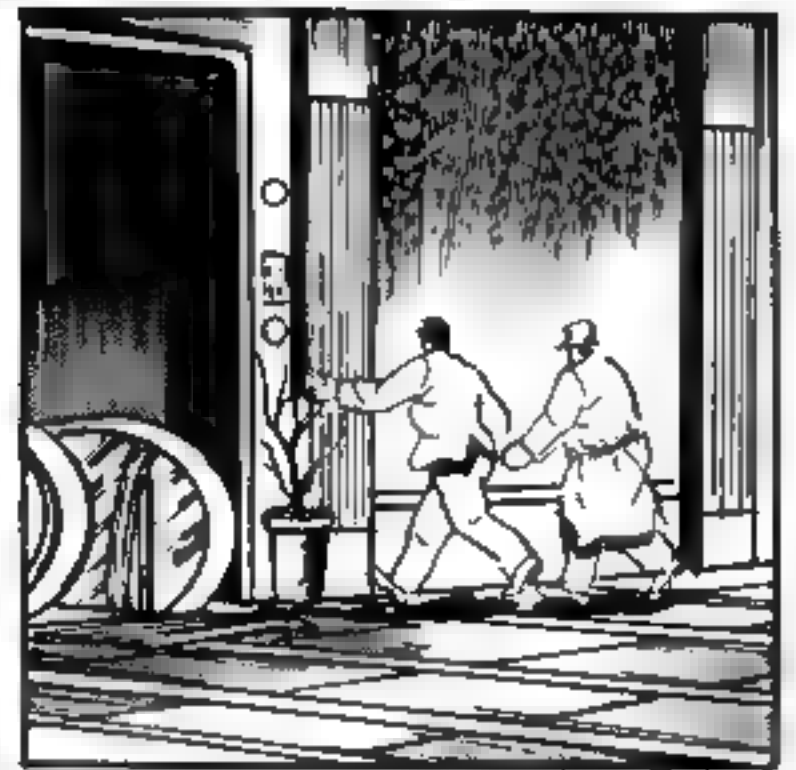
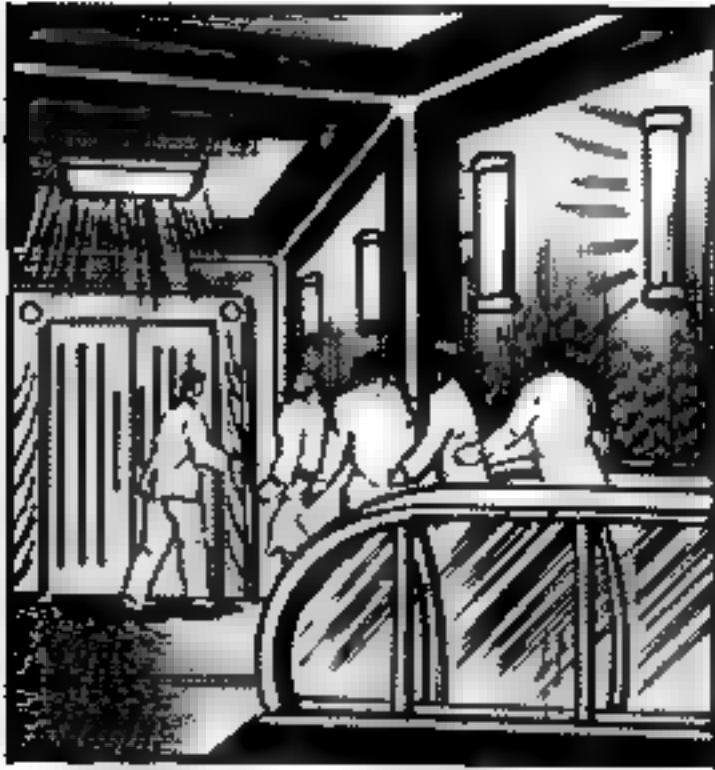
NOW, GO PLAY IN YOUR
KIDS' ROOM WITH AYAME-SAN.
I HAVE TO TALK WITH
SECRETARY YAMAKAWA.



YAMA-
KAWA!

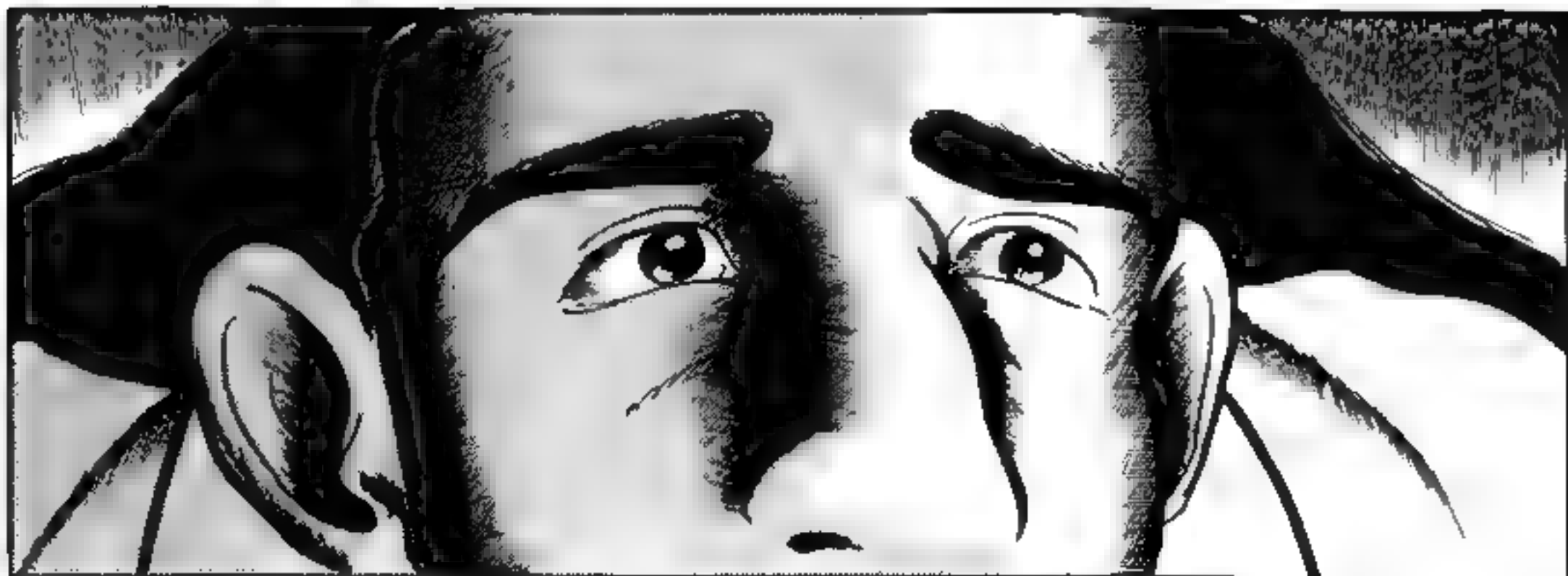


HOW
IS THE
PROJECT
GOING?

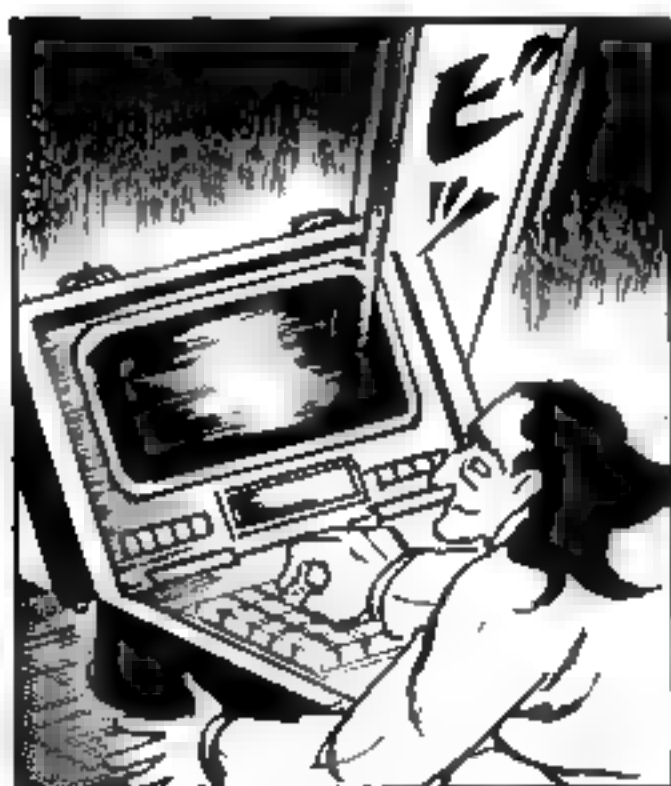
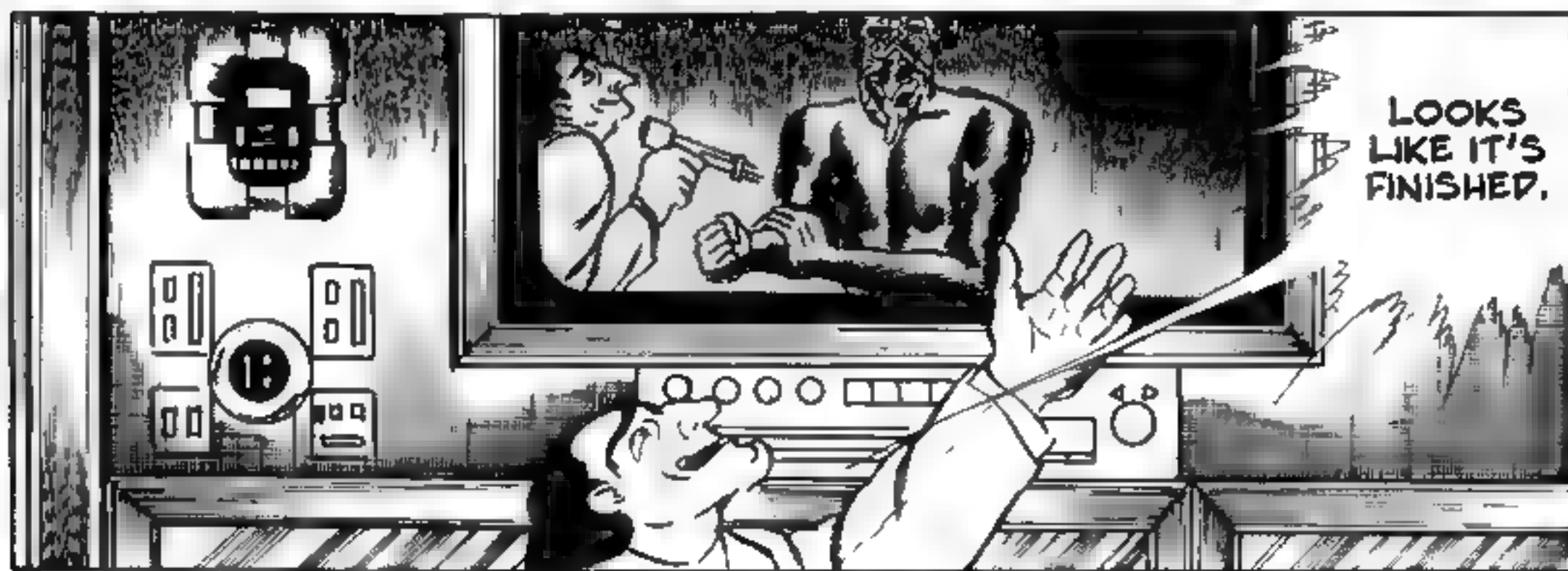
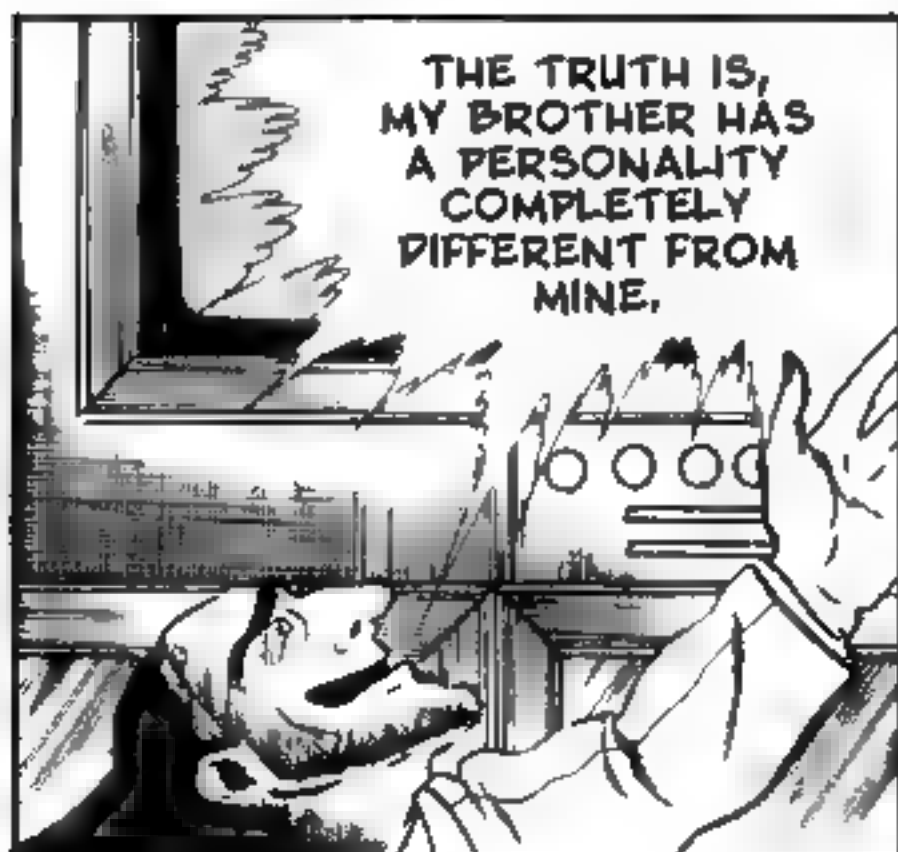


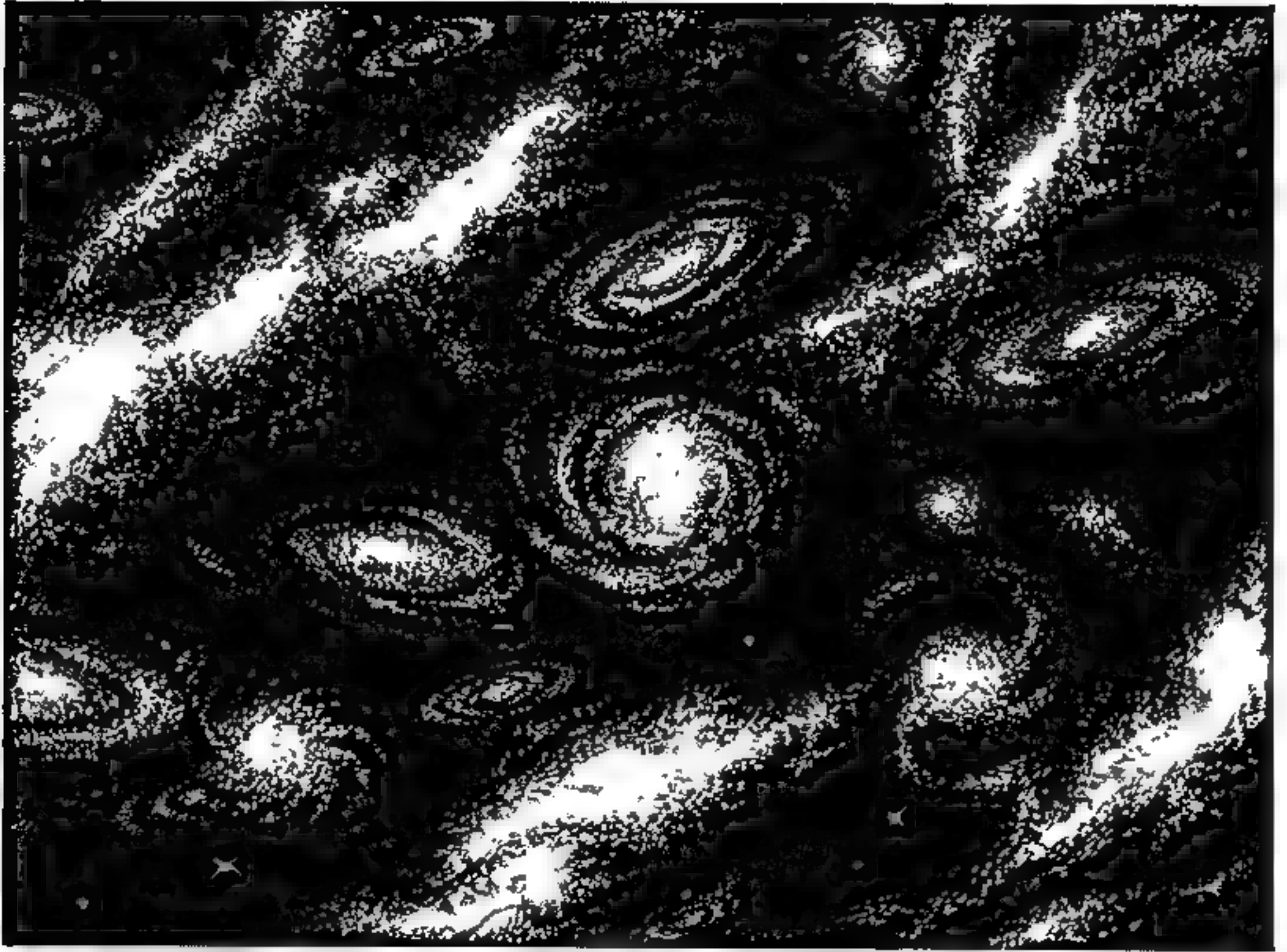
SFX: CREAK.











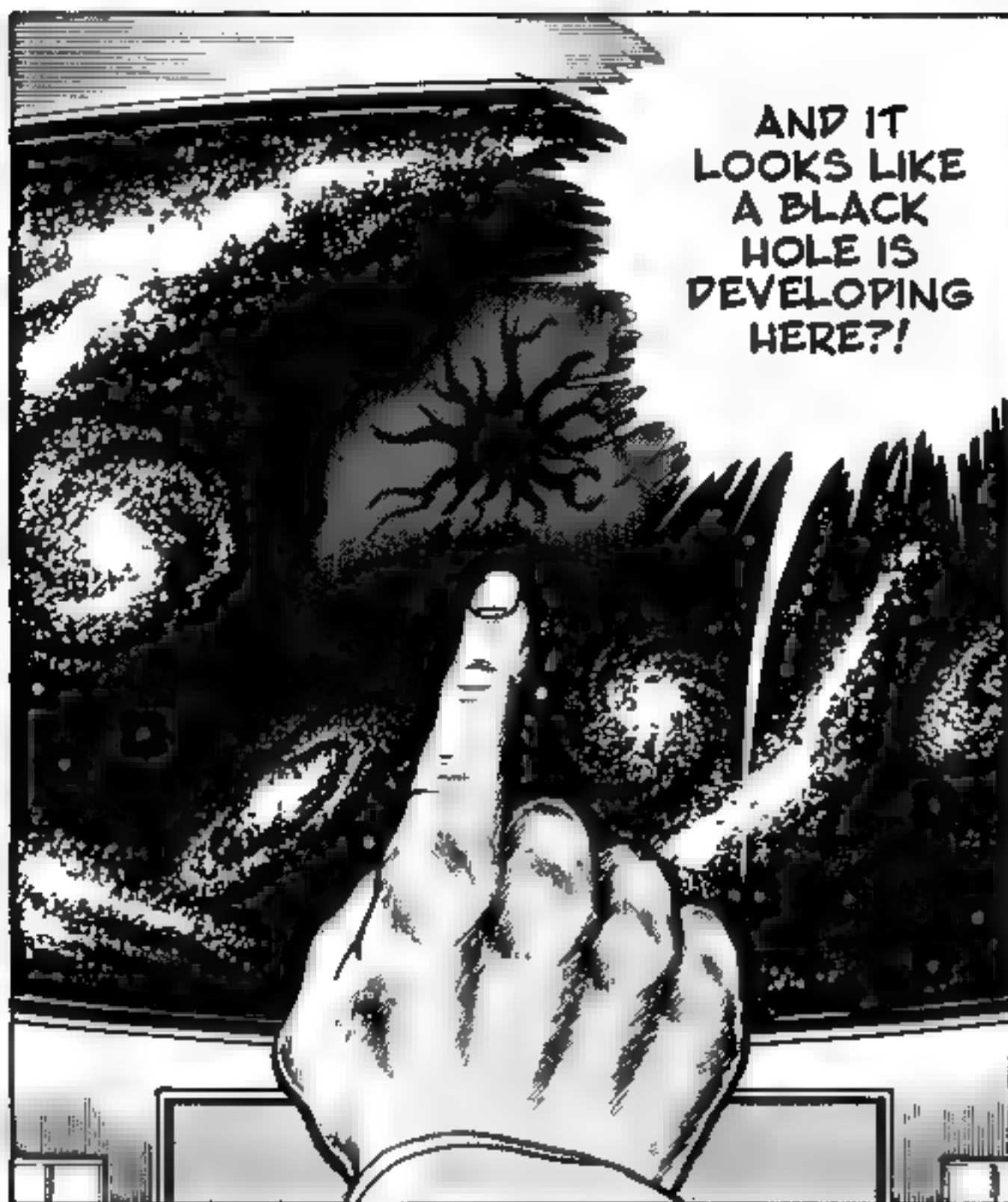
IT'S THE
INSIDE OF
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE'S
HEART.



BUT THE
STARS HERE
ARE ON THE
VERGE OF
DISAPPEARING.
IT LOOKS
LIKE THE END
OF THE
UNIVERSE!!



T-THIS
LOOKS JUST
LIKE THE
UNIVERSE!!



AND IT
LOOKS LIKE
A BLACK
HOLE IS
DEVELOPING
HERE?!



ONE DIS-
APPEARED
!!



SFX: KLAH KLAH



I'M CONNECTED
TO THE COMPUTER
ROOM AT TOKYO
UNIVERSITY NOW!!

SFX: KLAH KLAH



THERE'S
A SECRET
WITHIN HIS
HEART!!





THE
HEART
OF THE
EARTH...



...HAS
STOPPED!!

THE HEART OF THE EARTH



THE
HEART
OF THE
EARTH?!



NO,
IT IS NOT
A META-
PHOR.



YOU SEE,
THE EARTH
REALLY
DOES HAVE
A HEART.



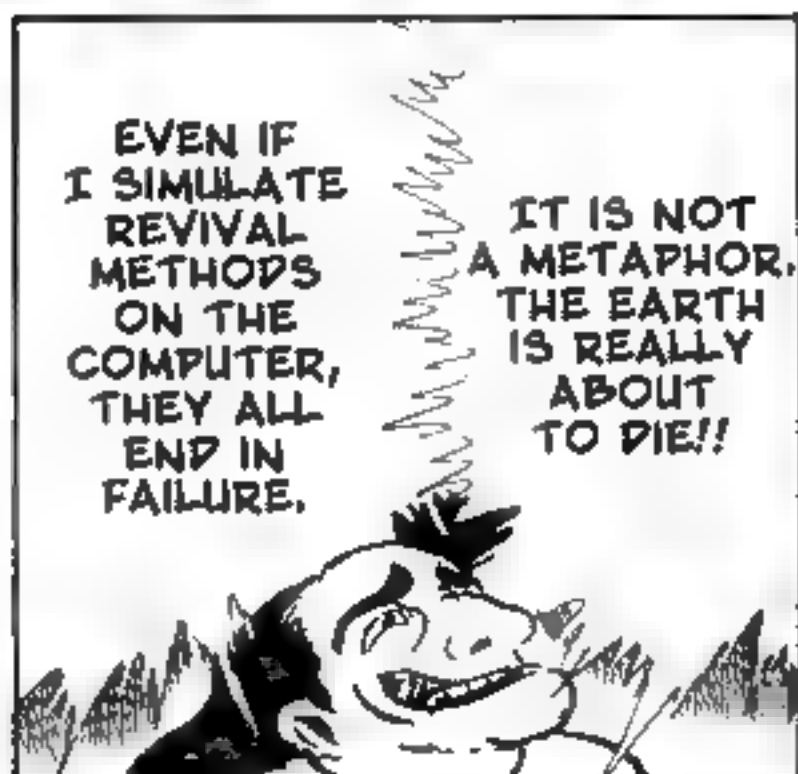
IS THAT
SOME KIND
OF META-
PHOR?



ISN'T THAT
JUST ONE KIND
OF SPECIAL
PATHOLOGICAL
THEORY?



YES!!
AND SINCE
I'M A PATHO-
LOGIST,
I WAS ABLE
TO PICK UP
ON IT!!



EVEN IF
I SIMULATE
REVIVAL
METHODS
ON THE
COMPUTER,
THEY ALL
END IN
FAILURE.

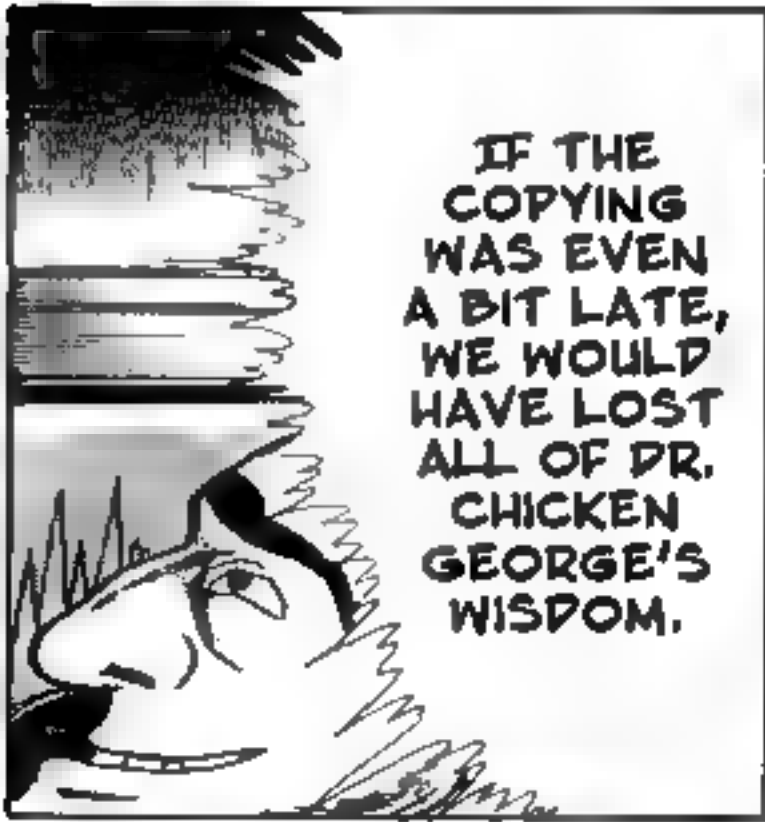
IT IS NOT
A METAPHOR.
THE EARTH
IS REALLY
ABOUT
TO DIE!!



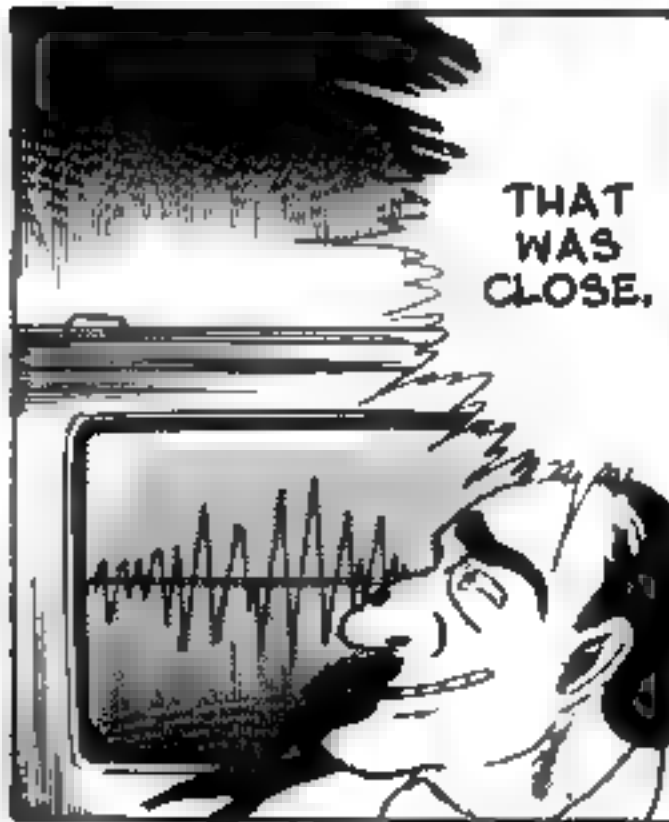
SFX: KLAK.



AND
DISCOVERED
THAT THE
EARTH IS
NOW ON THE
VERGE OF
DYING!!



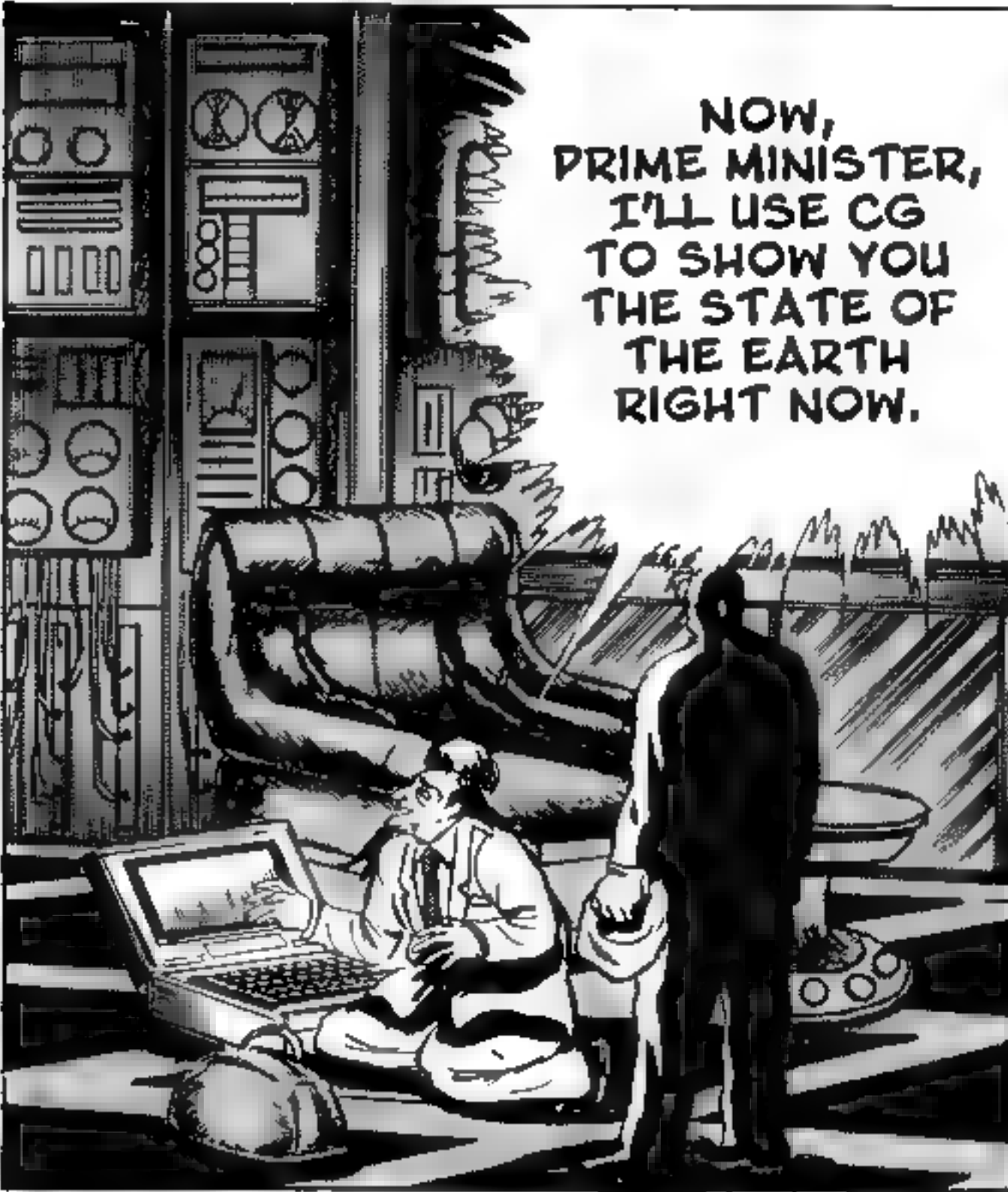
IF THE
COPYING
WAS EVEN
A BIT LATE,
WE WOULD
HAVE LOST
ALL OF DR.
CHICKEN
GEORGE'S
WISDOM.



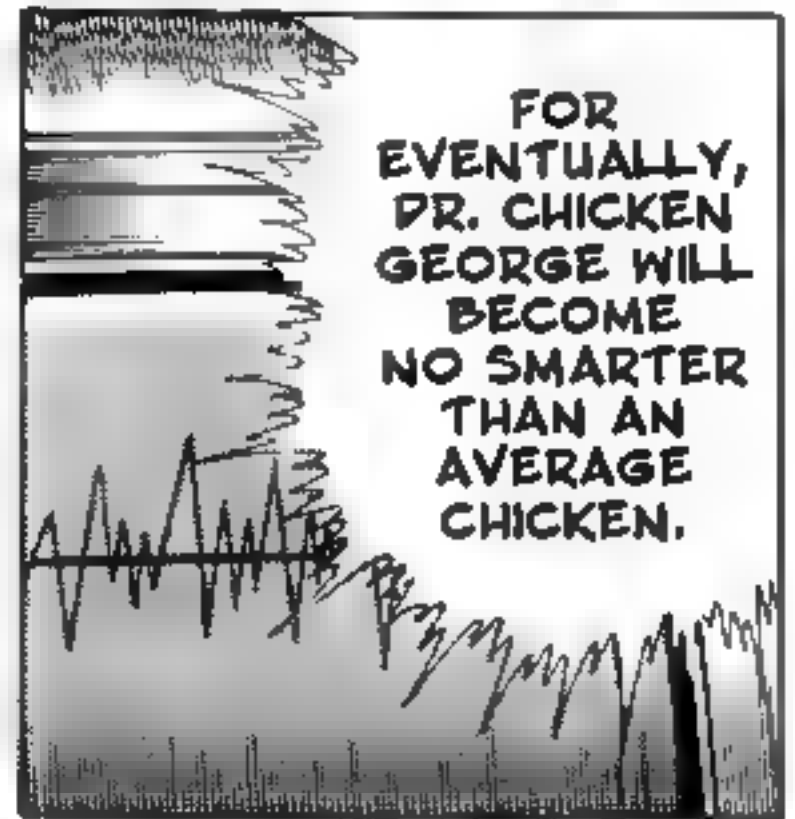
THAT
WAS
CLOSE.



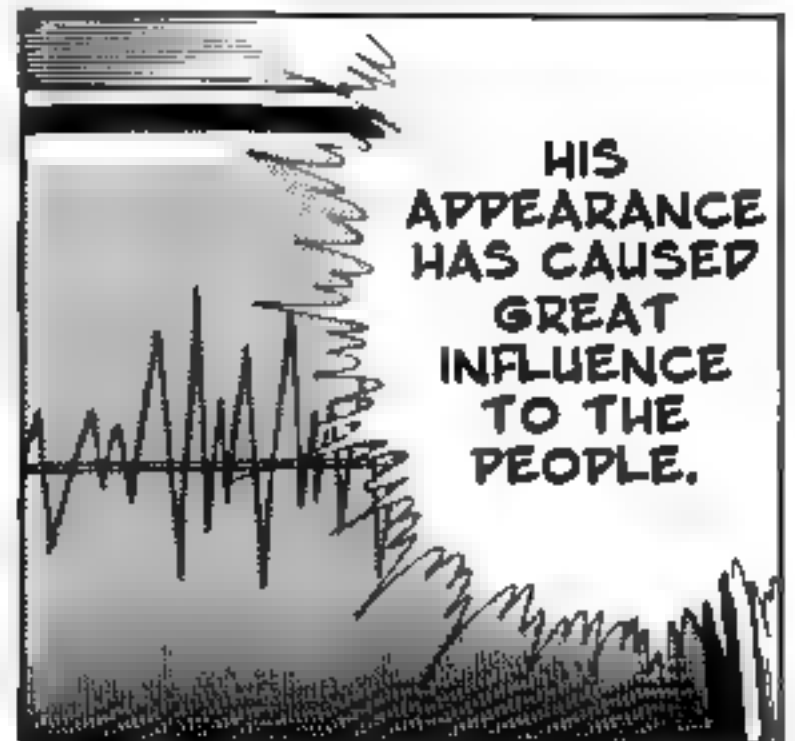
THE
COPYING
IS
FINISHED.



NOW,
PRIME MINISTER,
I'LL USE CG
TO SHOW YOU
THE STATE OF
THE EARTH
RIGHT NOW.



FOR
EVENTUALLY,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE WILL
BECOME
NO SMARTER
THAN AN
AVERAGE
CHICKEN.



HIS
APPEARANCE
HAS CAUSED
GREAT
INFLUENCE
TO THE
PEOPLE.

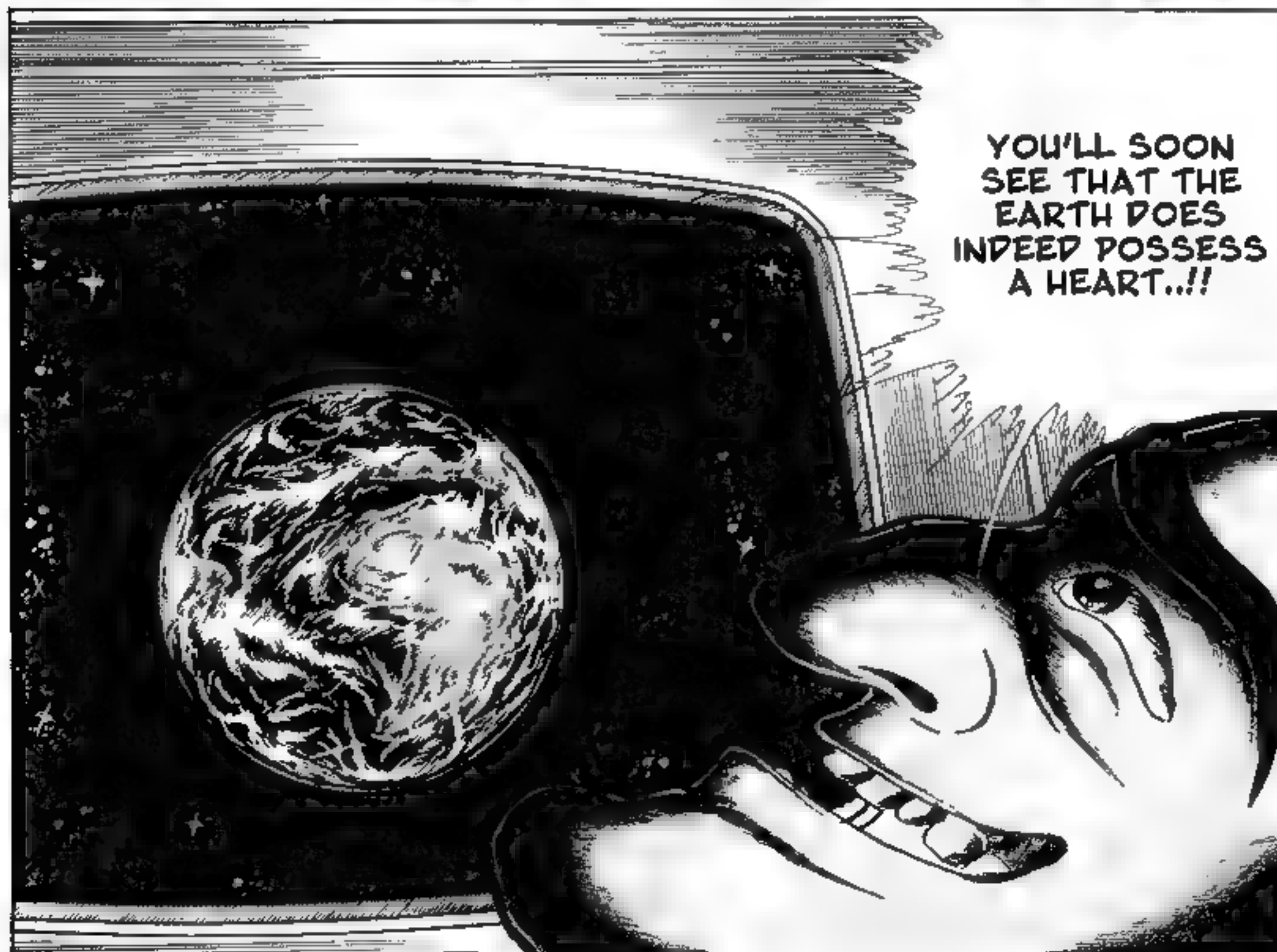
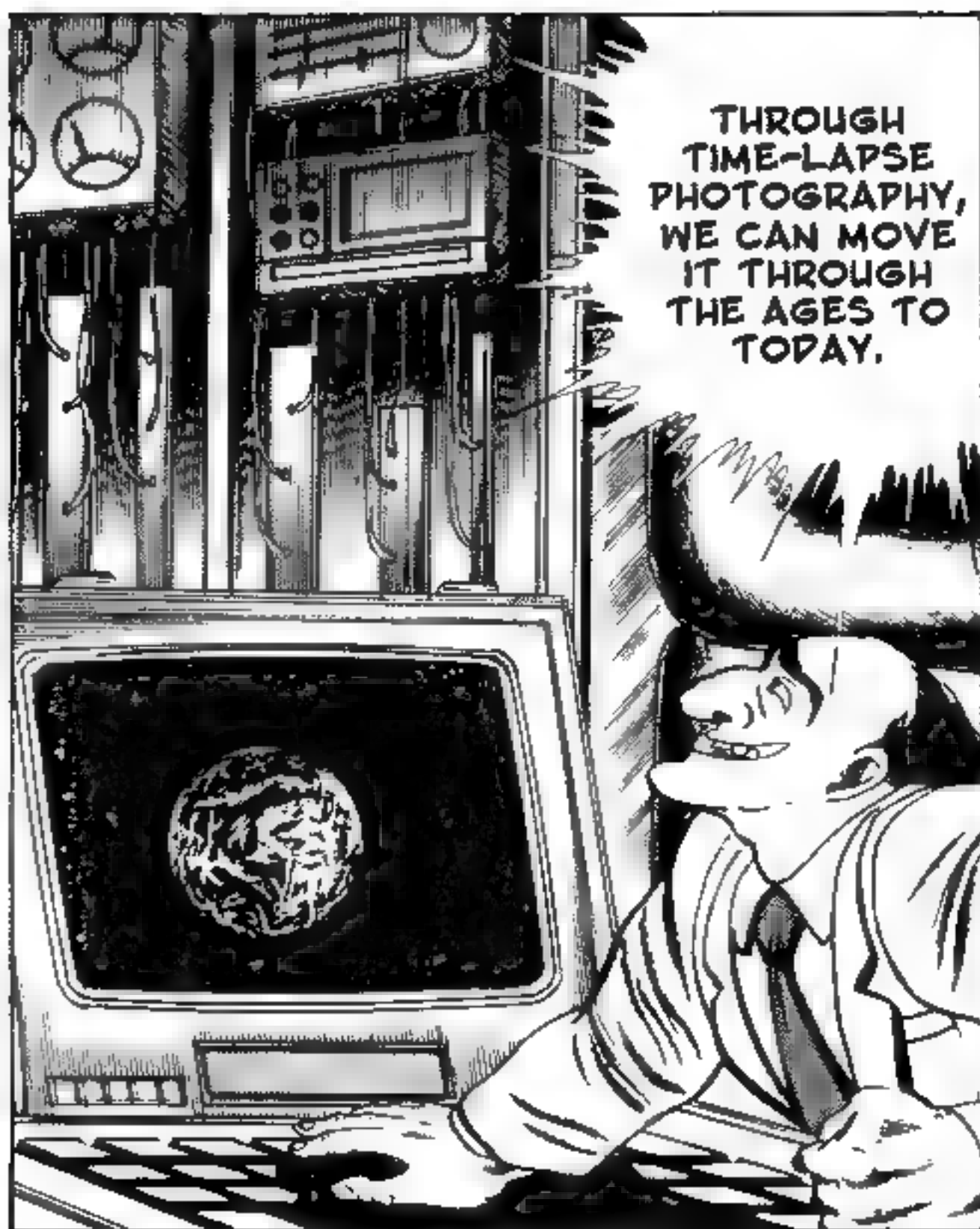


SFX: BAM.



SFX: BEEP BEEP.

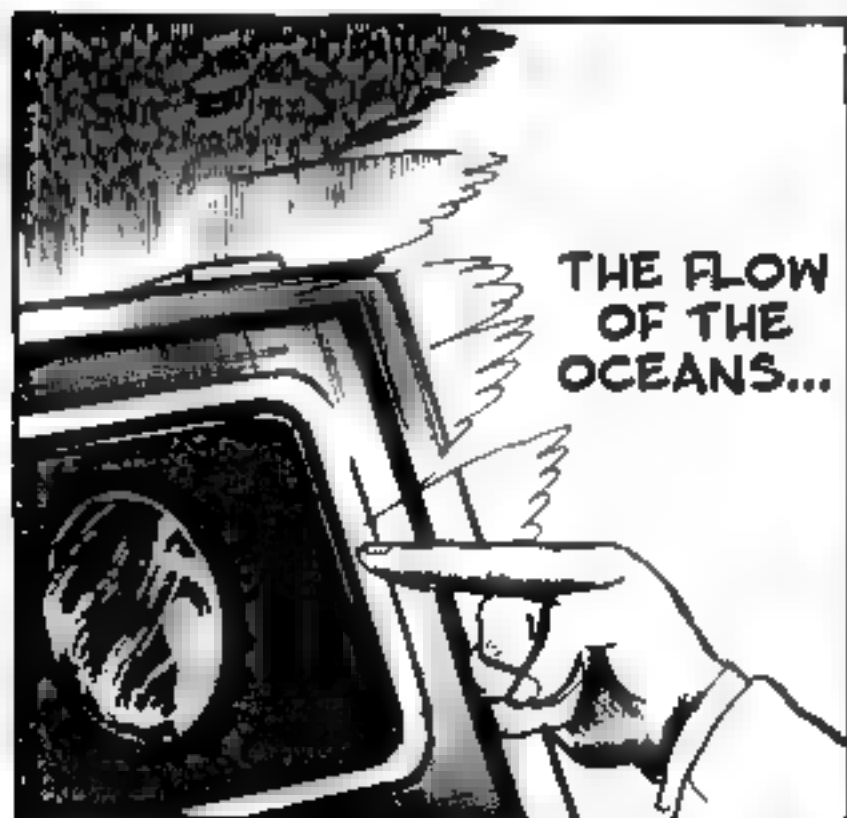
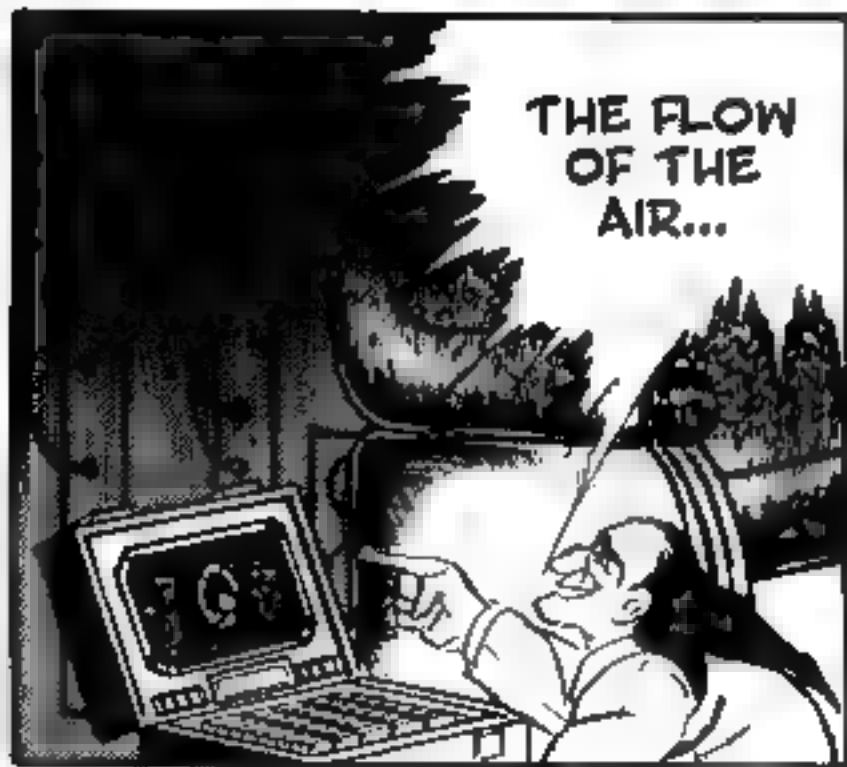




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AND THE
ERUPTIONS
OF THESE
VOLCANOES
...



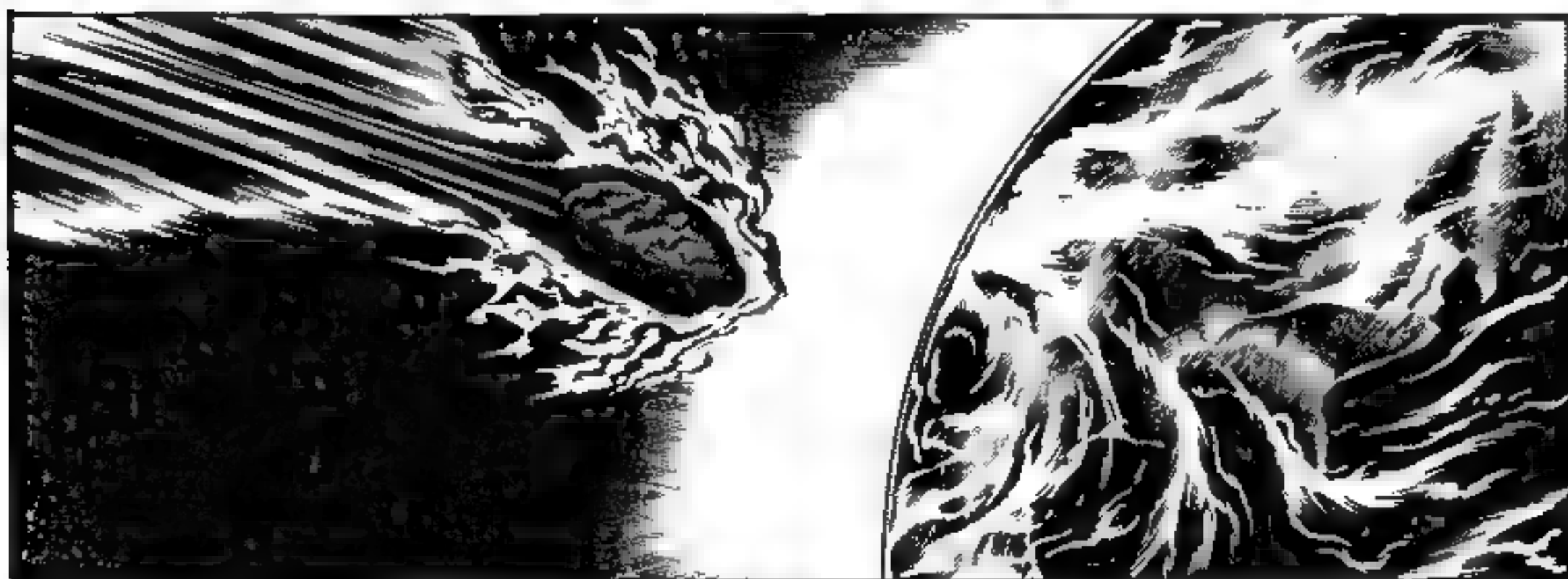
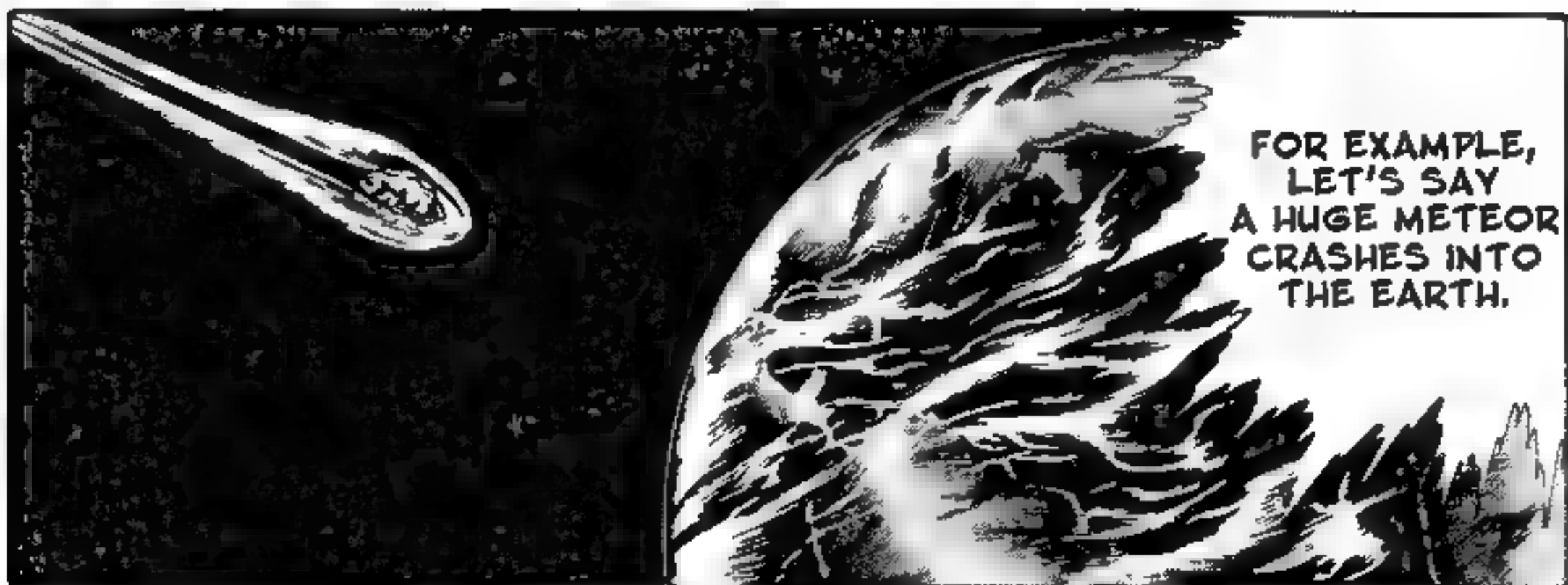
DON'T YOU
THINK
THEY'RE ALL
HAPPENING
RATHER
SYSTEMAT-
ICALLY?!



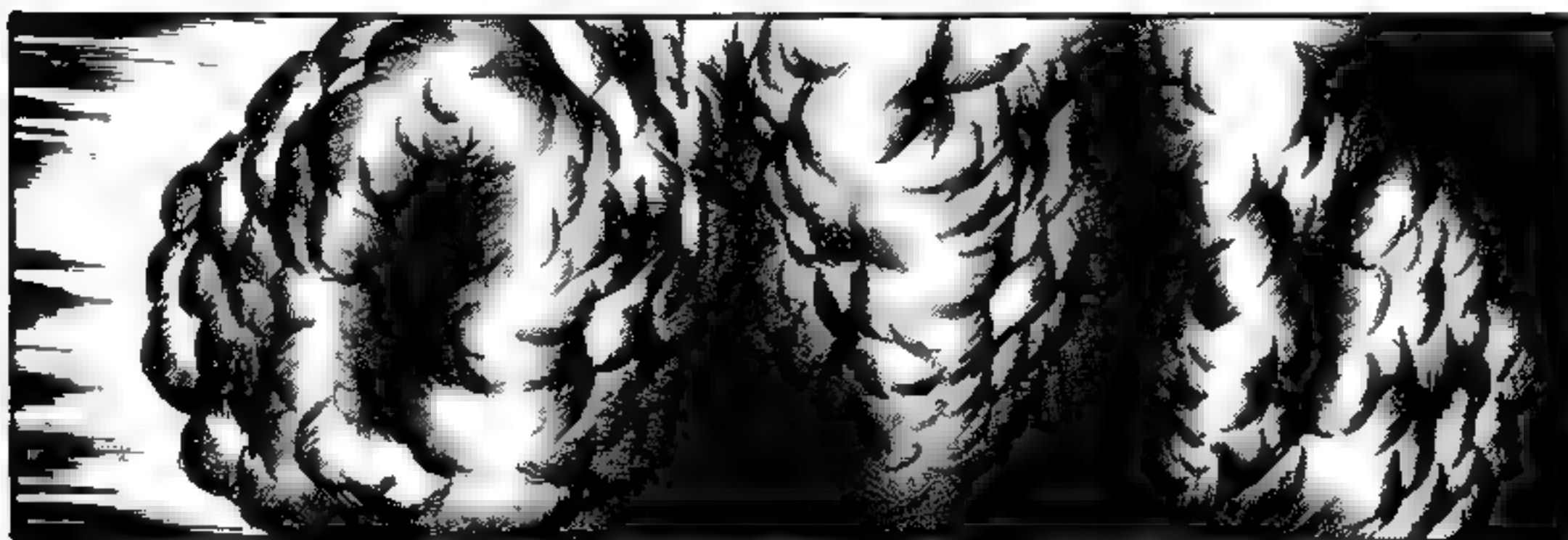
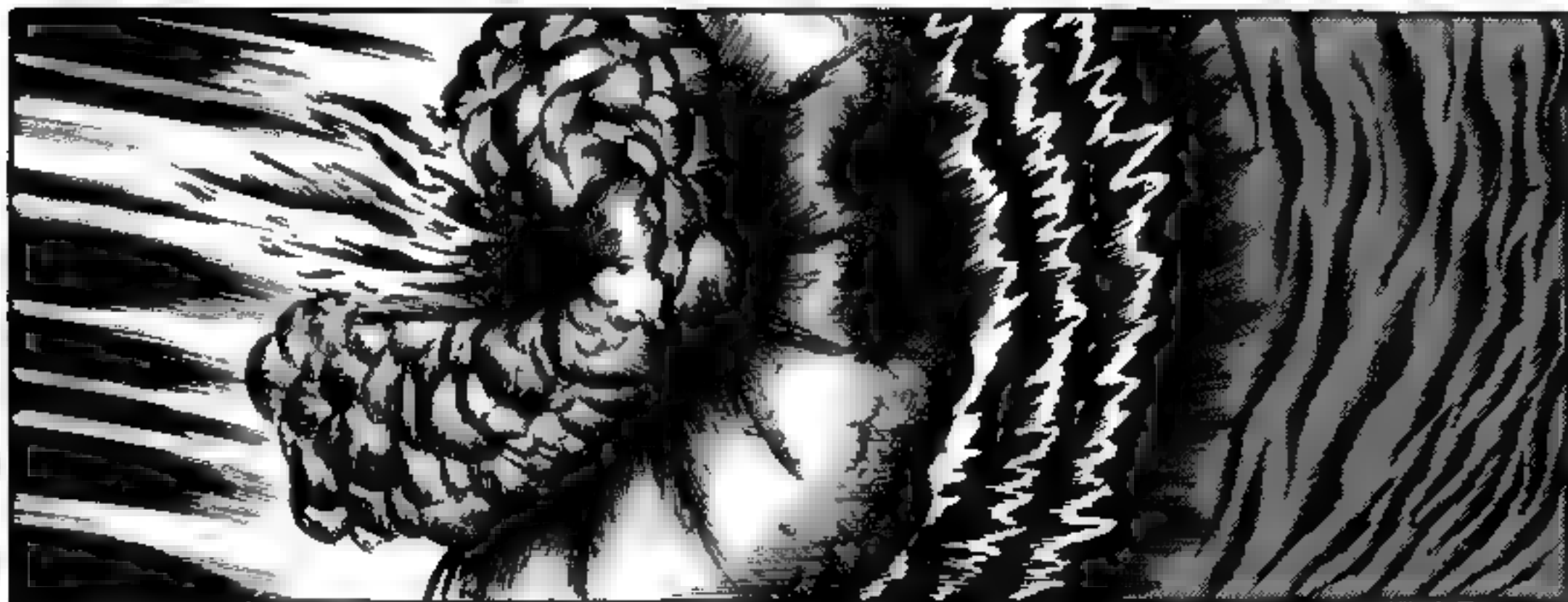
LOOK CLOSELY.
FROM OVER
100,000,000
YEARS AGO,
THE EARTH HAS
BEEN REGULATING
ITS BALANCE
IN THIS MANNER,
KEEPING ITS
CONDITIONS AT
A SPECIFIC DEFINED
LEVEL...



THE ONLY
CONCLUSION
ONE CAN
ARRIVE AT
IS THAT
THE EARTH
IS ALIVE!



SFX: BOOM.





BUT WATCH
CAREFULLY.
USING AN
UNBELIEVABLE
METHOD,
THE EARTH
WILL RETURN
ITSELF TO
NORMAL.



THAT IS TO SAY,
THROUGH SWITCHING
OUT THE CREATURES
ON THE EARTH,
THE PLANET CAN
USE THEM TO
CARRY IT OUTS
REPAIRS.



A HORRIFYING
CHAOS HAS
ERUPTED ON
THE EARTH...



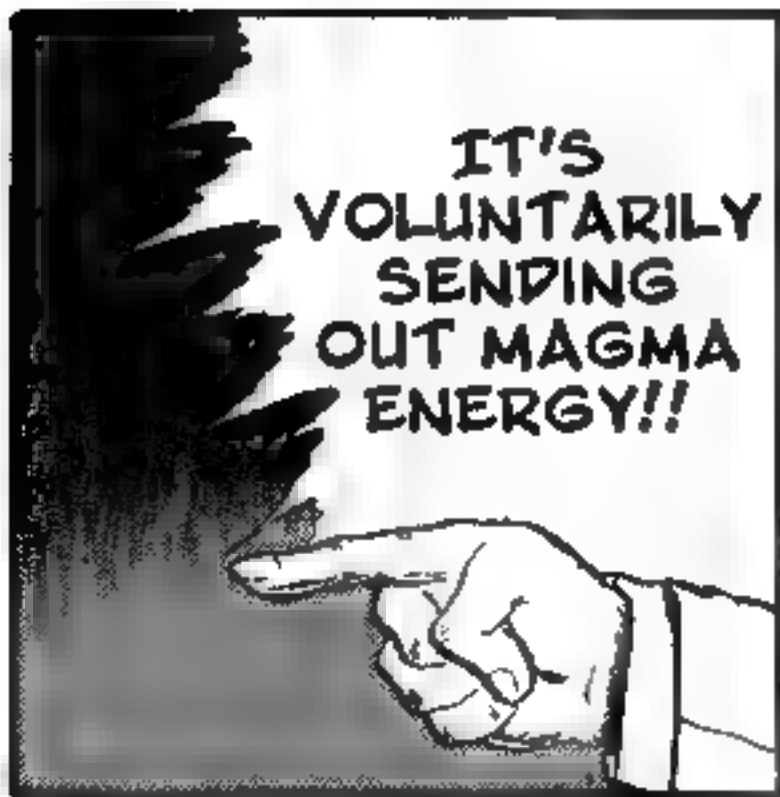
IF WE LOOK
AT THE INNER
STRUCTURE
OF THE EARTH,
WE CAN FIND
OUT.



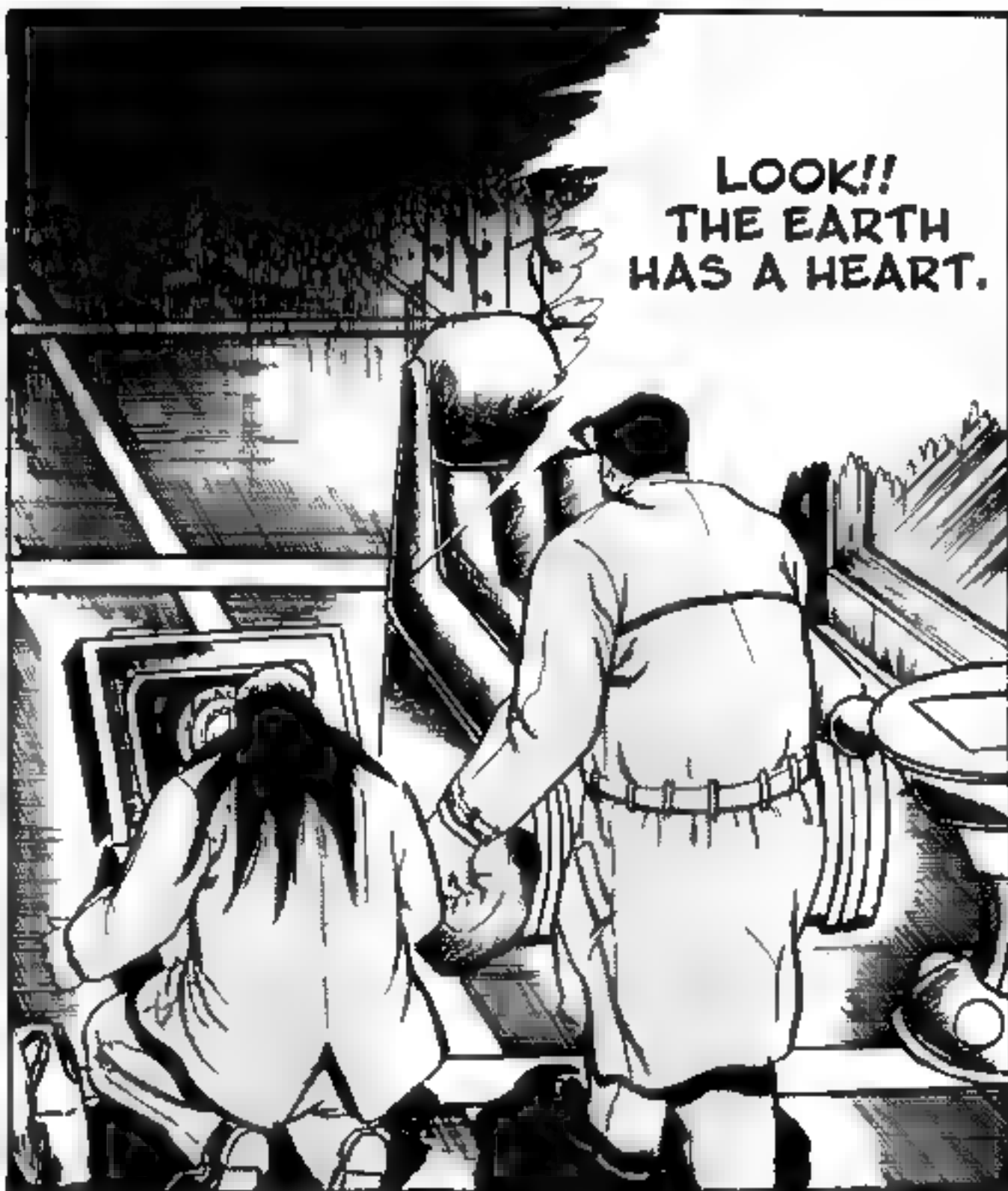
BUT
WHAT
IS THE
DRIVING
FORCE?



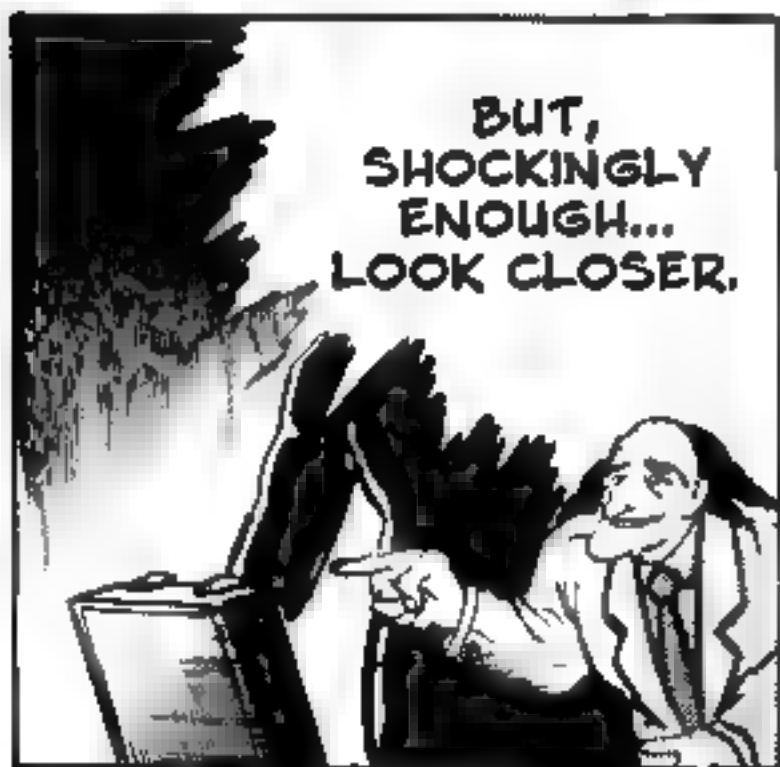
SFX: KLAK



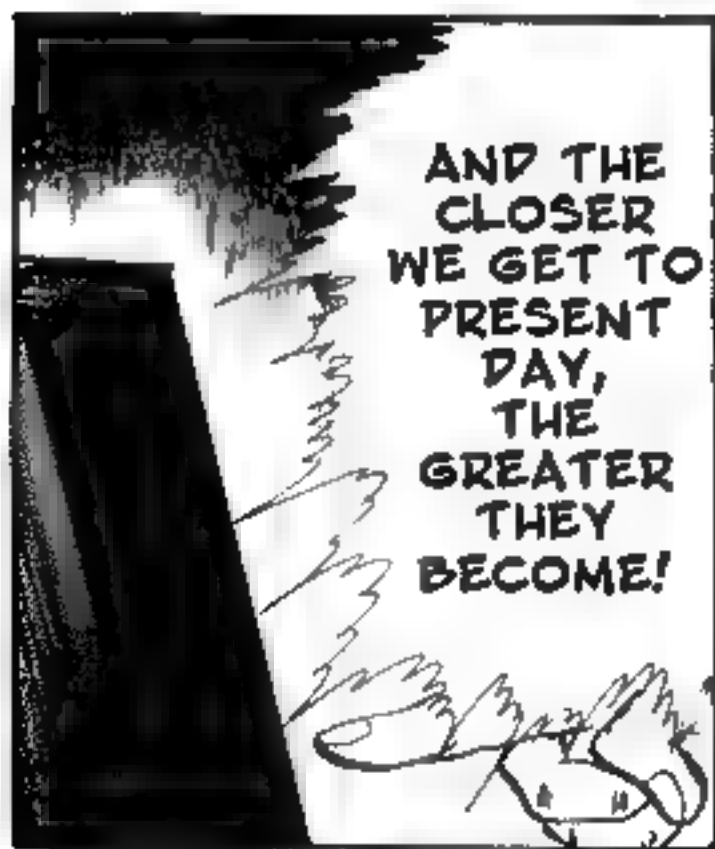
**IT'S
VOLUNTARILY
SENDING
OUT MAGMA
ENERGY!!**



**LOOK!!
THE EARTH
HAS A HEART.**



**BUT,
SHOCKINGLY
ENOUGH...
LOOK CLOSER.**



**AND THE
CLOSER
WE GET TO
PRESENT
DAY,
THE
GREATER
THEY
BECOME!**



**...DIFFERENT
MOVEMENTS
APART FROM
THE EARTH'S
OWN BEGAN.**



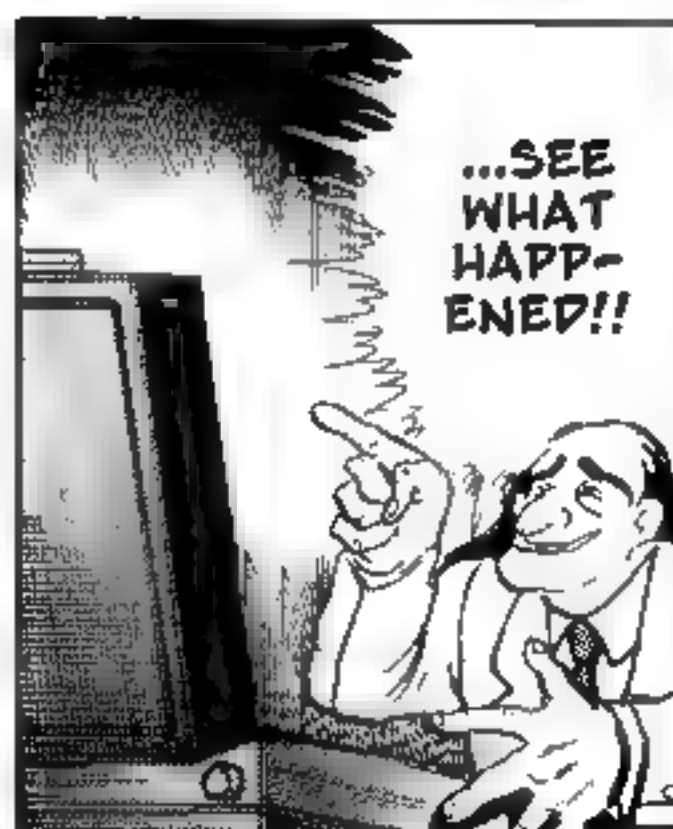
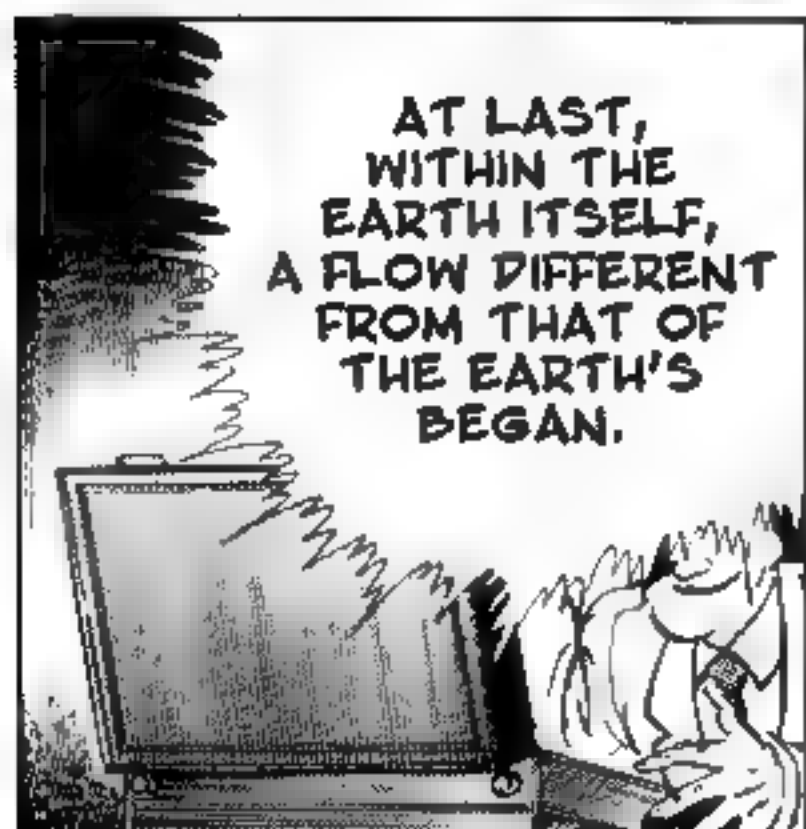
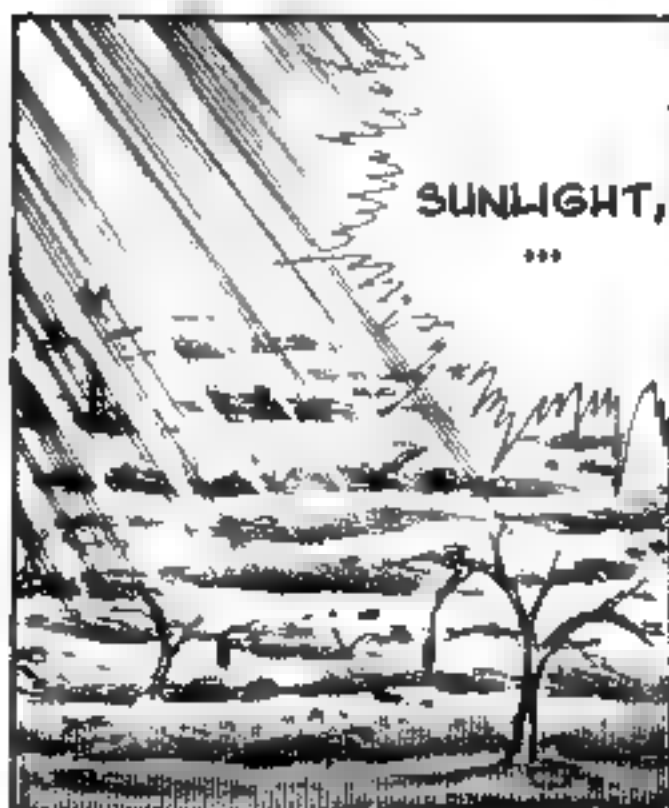
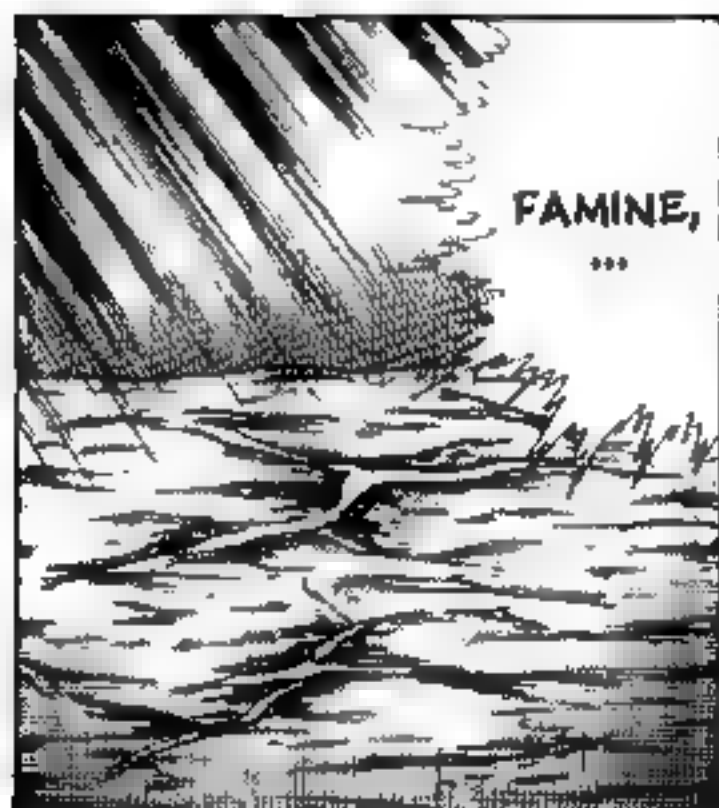
**JUST AS
HUMAN
SOCIETY
MODERN-
IZED...**

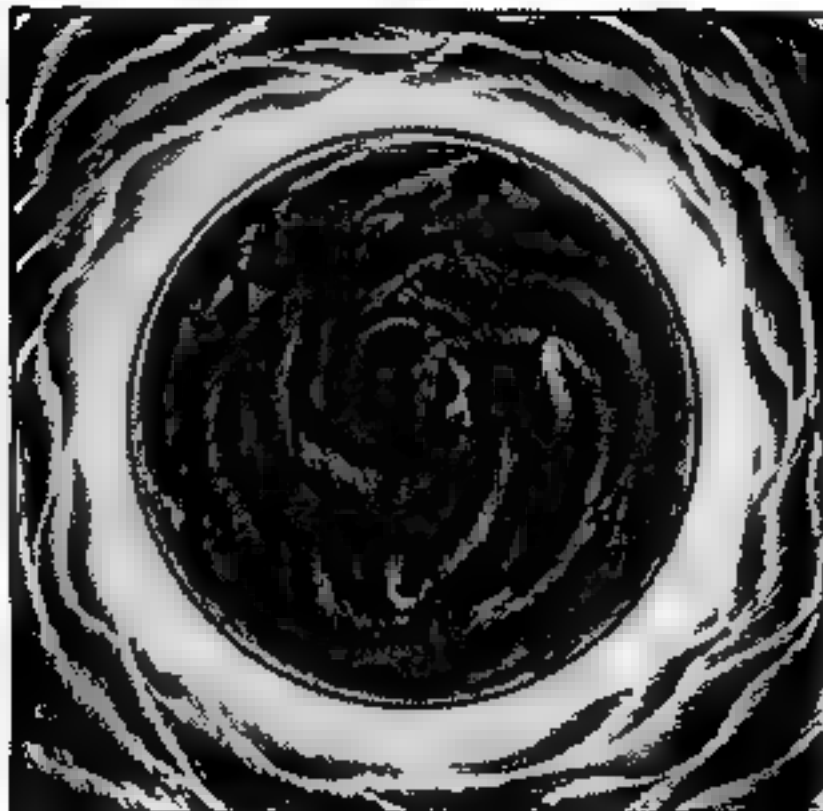
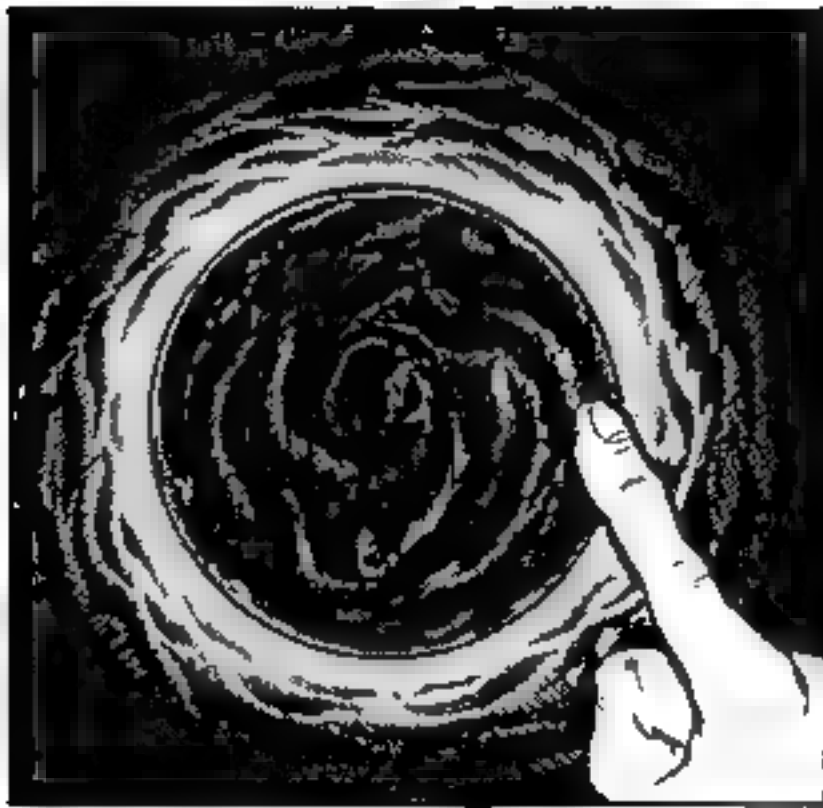
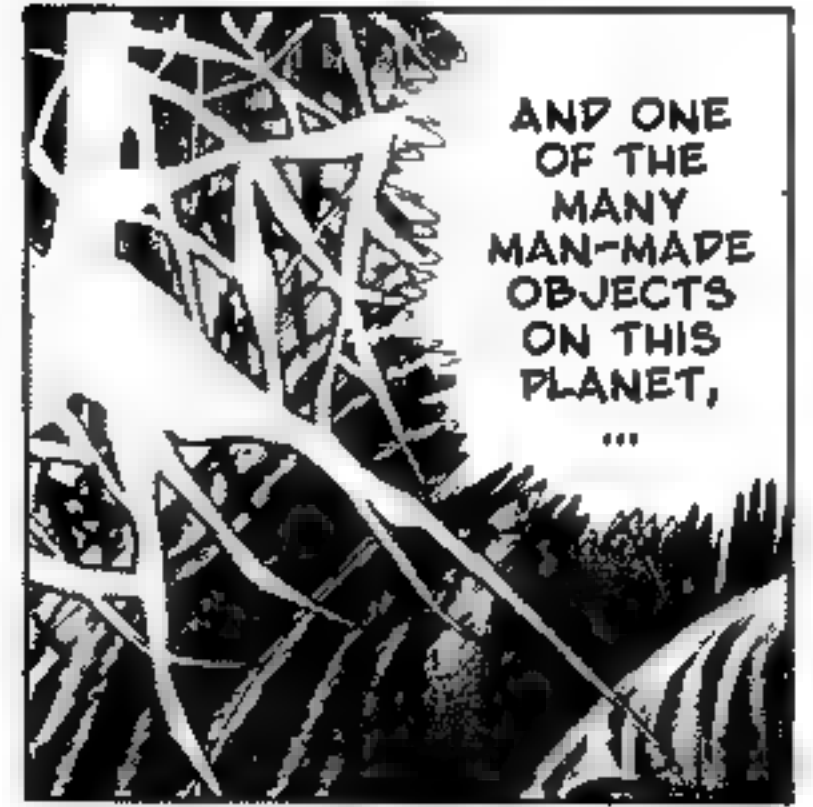


**AND YET,
THE EARTH
STILL
ATTEMPTED
TO REPAIR
ITSELF!**



**THE
BALANCE
HAS COL-
LAPSED!!**





...THE EARTH IS
ABOUT TO DIE!!
THE EARTH IS
NOW IN THE
MIDST OF
GREAT PERIL!!

TO PUT
IT IN
PATHO-
LOGICAL
TERMS,
...

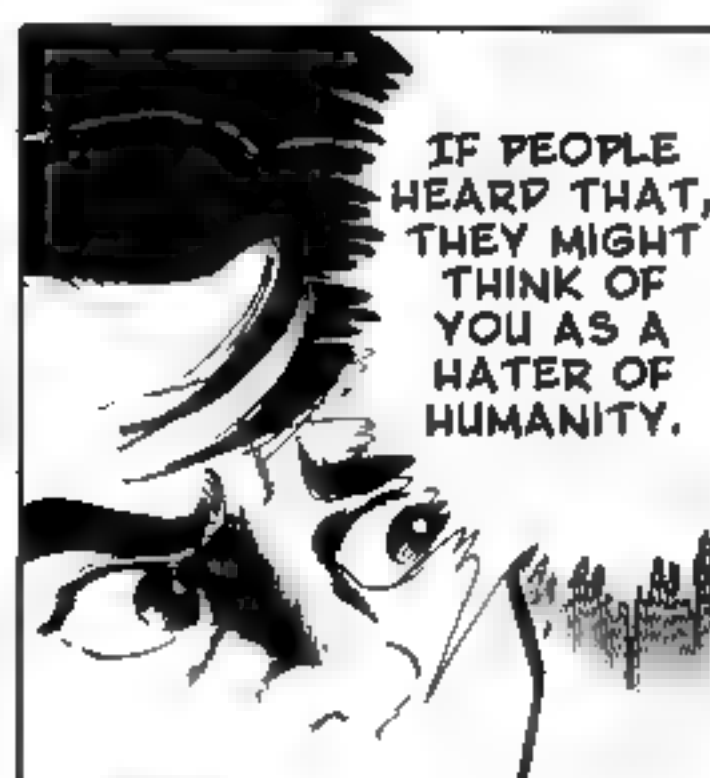


AND IF
MY THEORY
IS CORRECT,
THEN EVEN
MORE TERRIBLE
THINGS ARE
ABOUT TO BEGIN
RIGHT NOW!
IN OTHER
WORDS...!!!



...THE EARTH
WILL BEGIN
TO EXACT
ITS REVENGE
ON THE HUMAN
RACE!!







WH-WHAT
ARE THOSE
WOUNDS
FROM?!



FATHER
!!



T-
TAROU!!



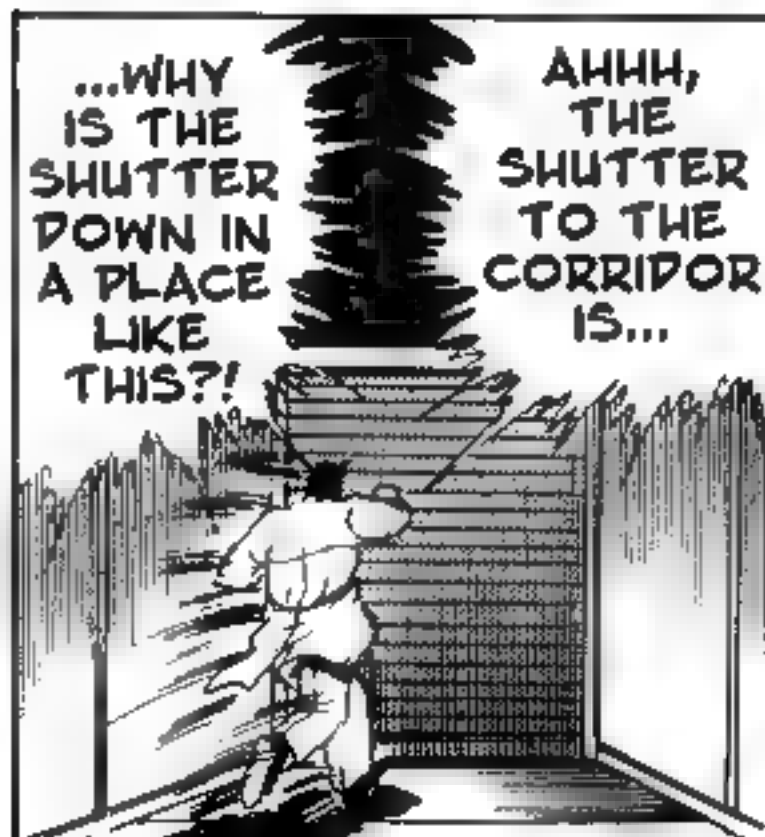
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO AYAME-
SAN
AND THE
OTHERS?!



WHAT
ABOUT
THE
BUGS
?!



THE
BUGS!



...WHY
IS THE
SHUTTER
DOWN IN
A PLACE
LIKE
THIS?!

AHHH,
THE
SHUTTER
TO THE
CORRIDOR
IS...



FATHERRR!



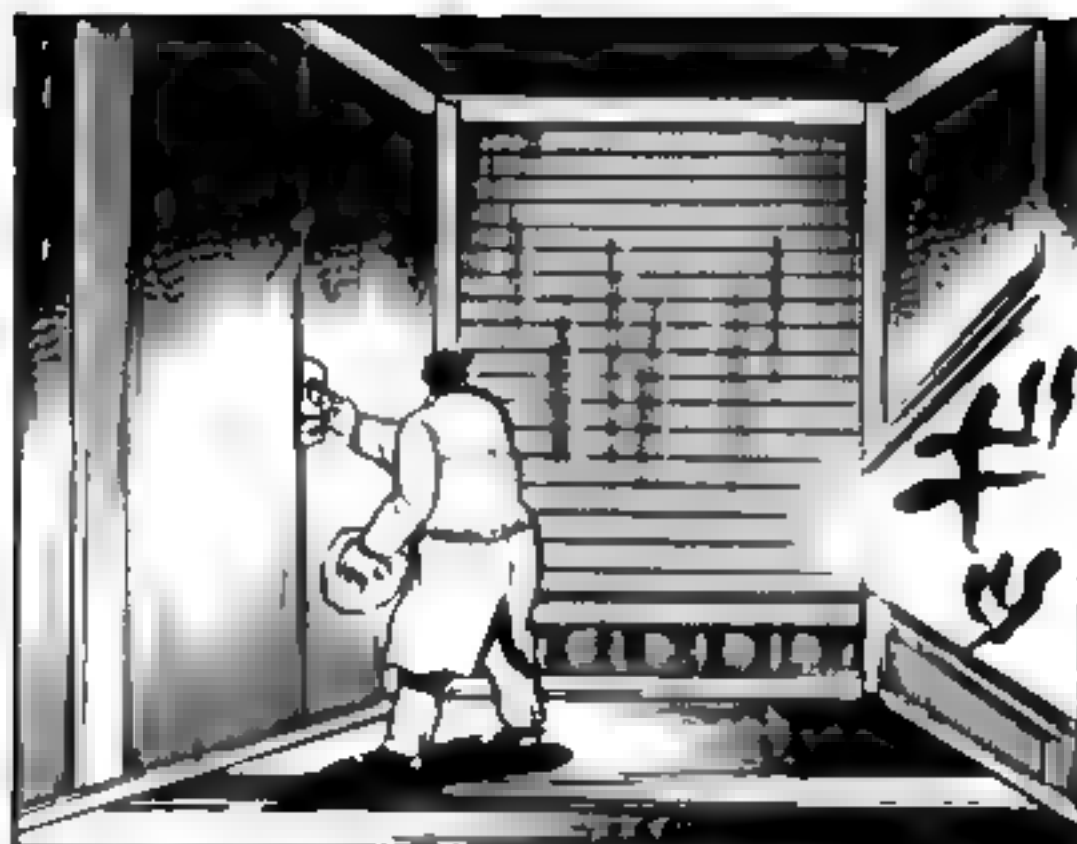
THIS IS
OUT-
RAGE-
OUS!

SFX: DASH.



AHH,
FATHER,
...

SFX: CREEAAK



SFX: CREAK



SFX: CREEAAAK



SFX: FWOOSH



UWAAAAAH
!!

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SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



SFX: BAM BAM.





SFX: STOMP STOMP.



DAMN
YOU!
DAMN
YOU!!

SFX: SQUELCH.



WHERE
ARE THEY
COMING
FROM
?!

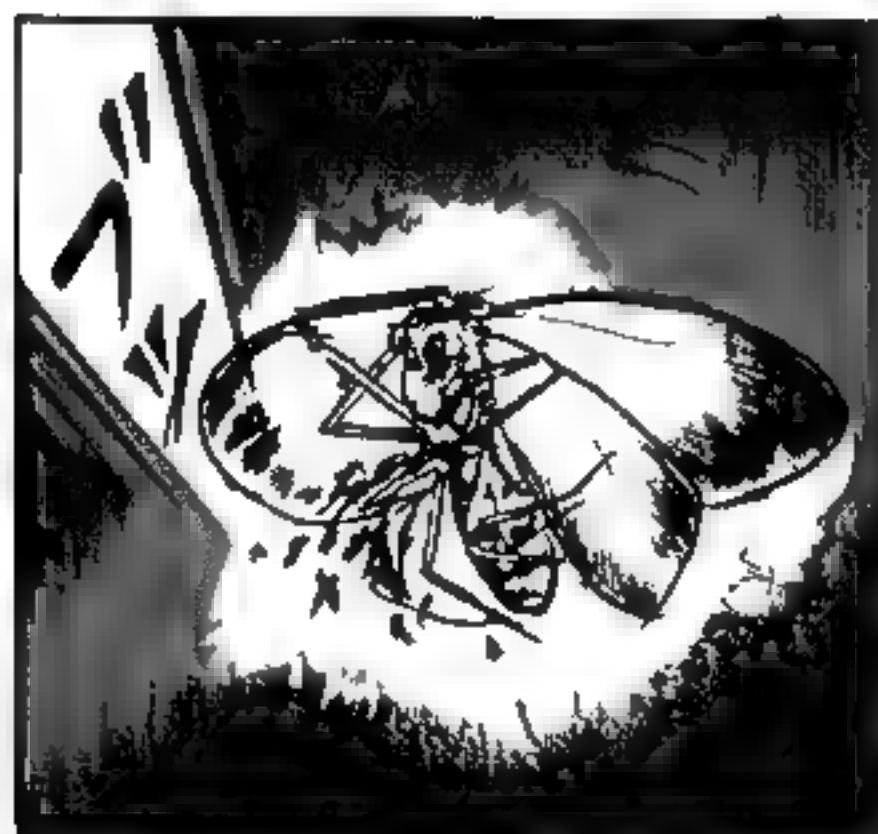


UWAHH!!

AHHH
!!







SFX: CRUNCH.



SFX: FLAP.

THE BUGS STRUGGLE



SFX: CRACK







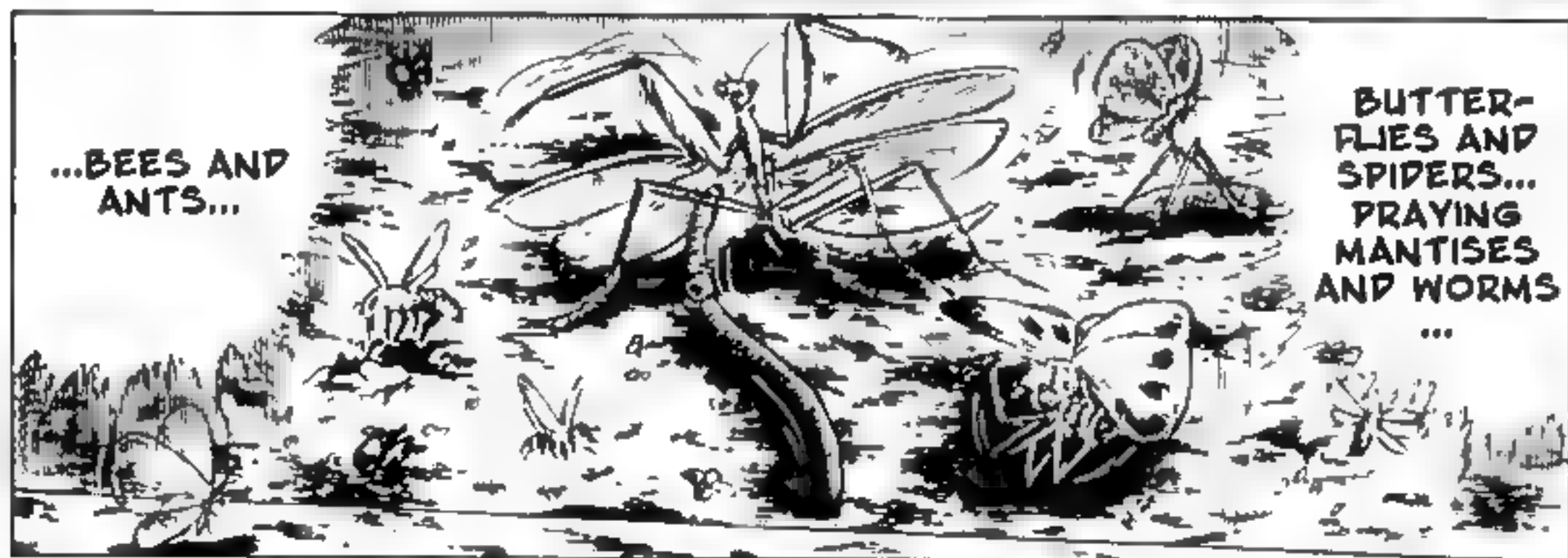
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS!!



BUTTERFLIES
DON'T EVEN
HAVE MOUTHS,
HOW CAN THEY...
THAT THING JUST
USED ITS ENTIRE
BODY TO CUT UP
A SPIDER!!



UWAAAAHH!!



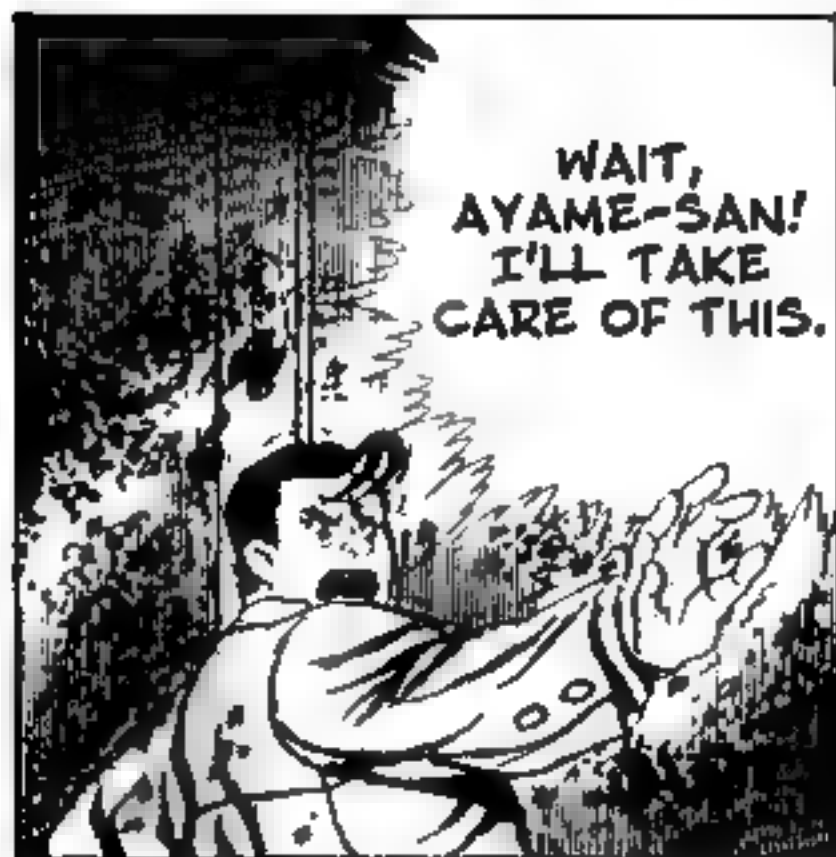
...BEES AND
ANTS...

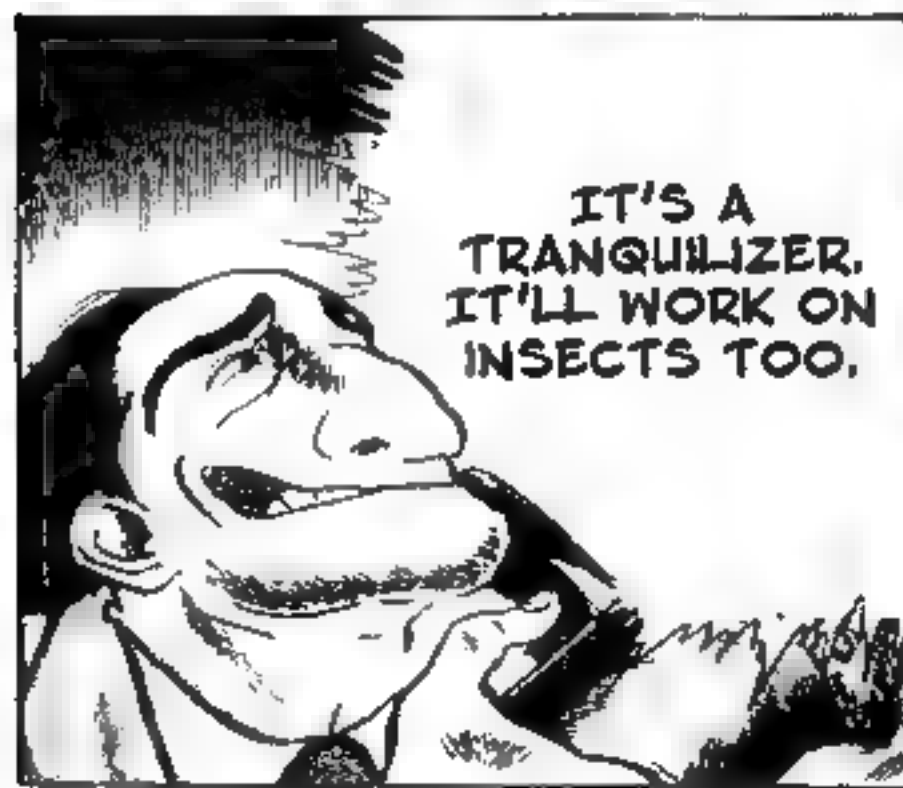
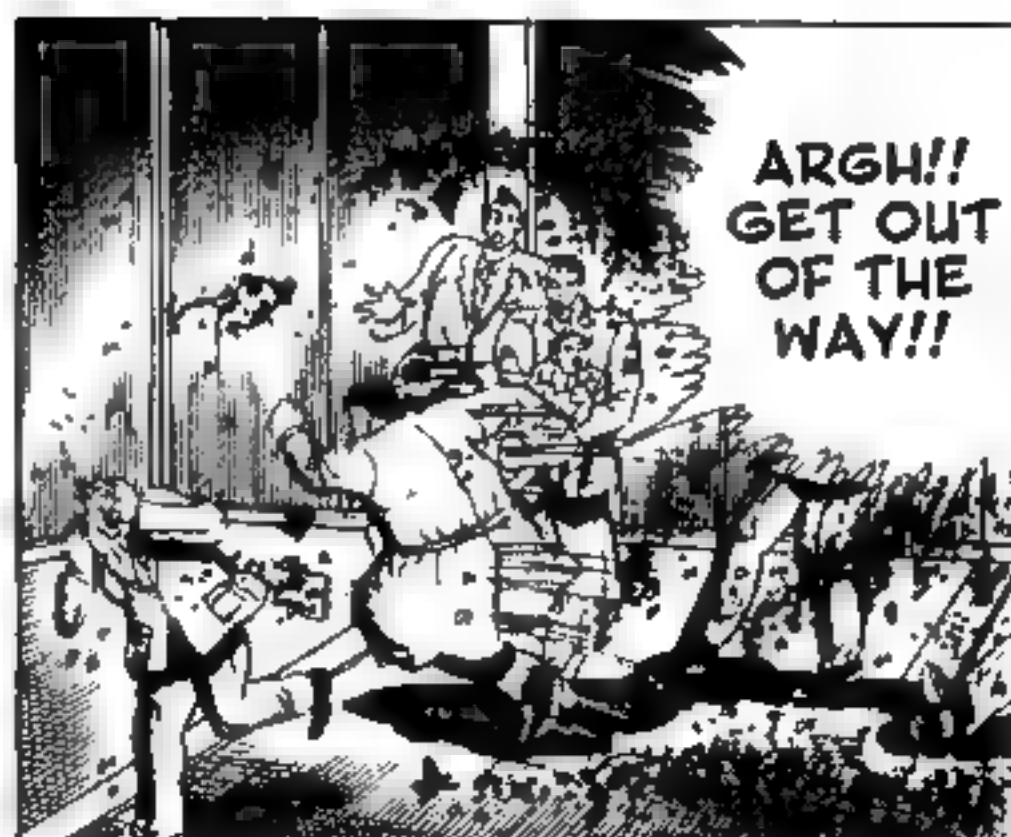
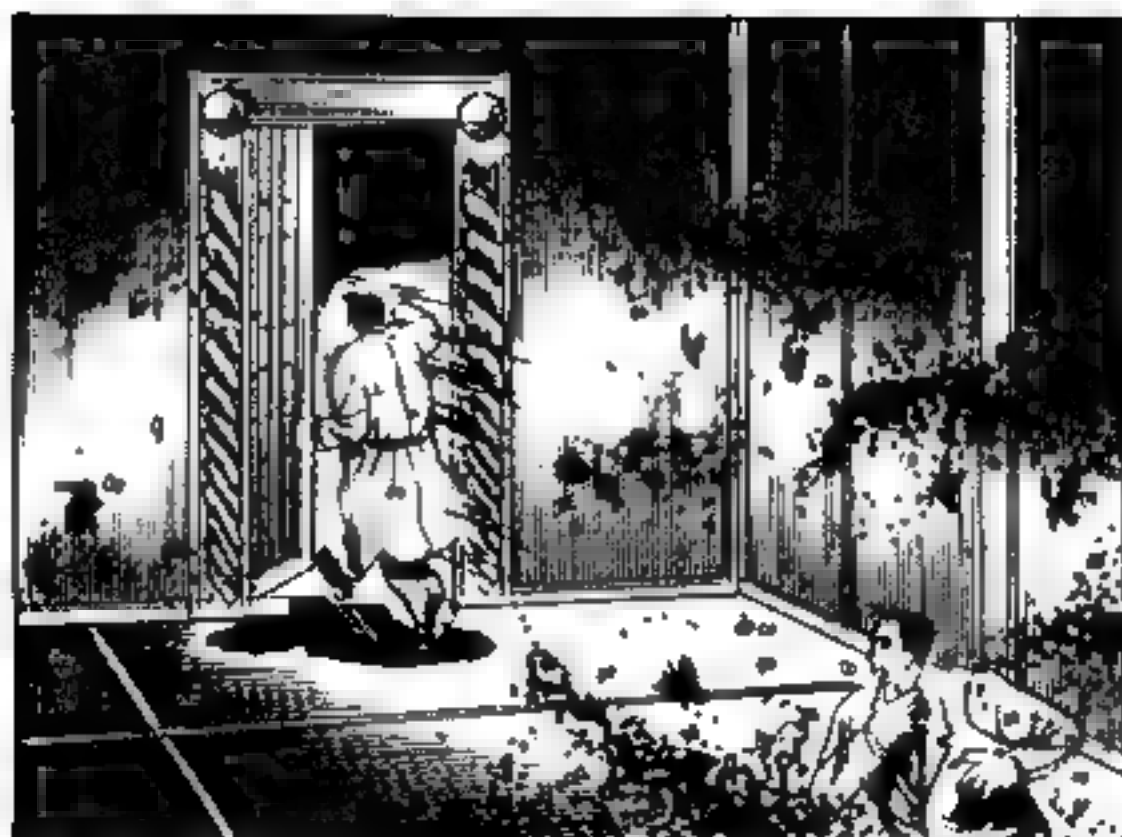
BUTTER-
FLIES AND
SPIDERS...
PRAYING
MANTISES
AND WORMS
...



UWAAA-
AAHHH!!

UWAAAAHH!!







DOCTOR!!
WHAT ARE YOU
ACTING SO HAPPY FOR?
ARE YOU GLAD THAT
THINGS TURNED OUT
JUST LIKE YOU
HYPOTHESIZED?!

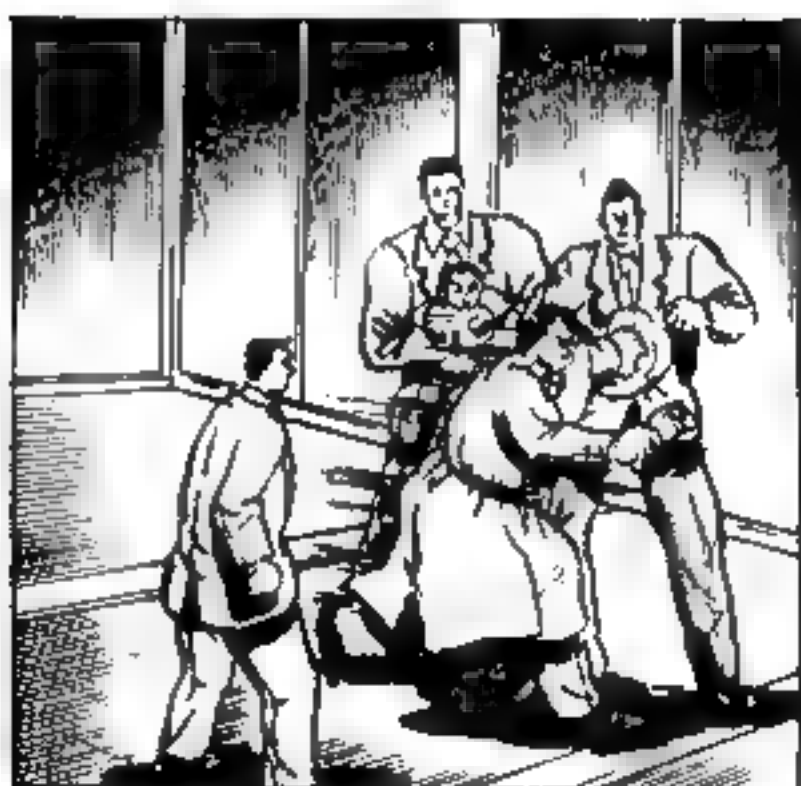
SFX. SNATCH.



HOOO,
HOOO,
HOOO!



BUT OF
COURSE,
I'M A SCIENTIST
DOWN TO MY
VERY LAST
HAIR FOLLICLE,
YOU SEE.



HOOO,
HOOO,
HOOO!



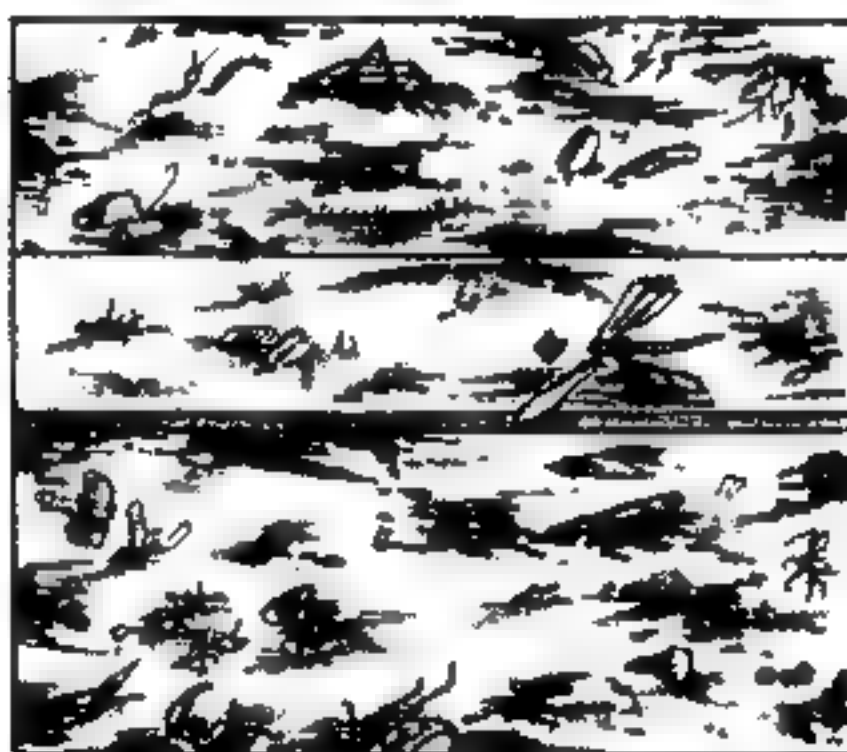
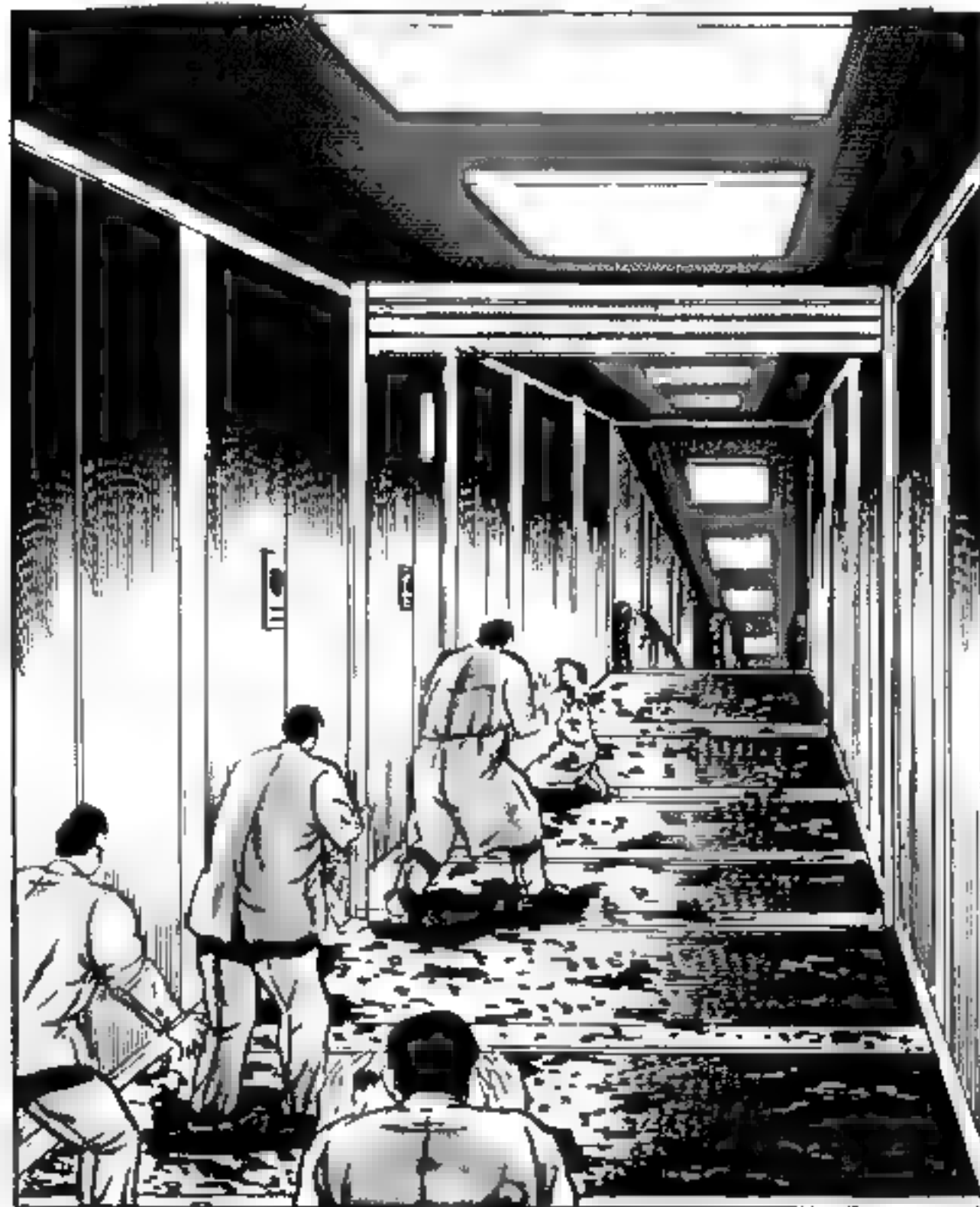
AHHH
!!



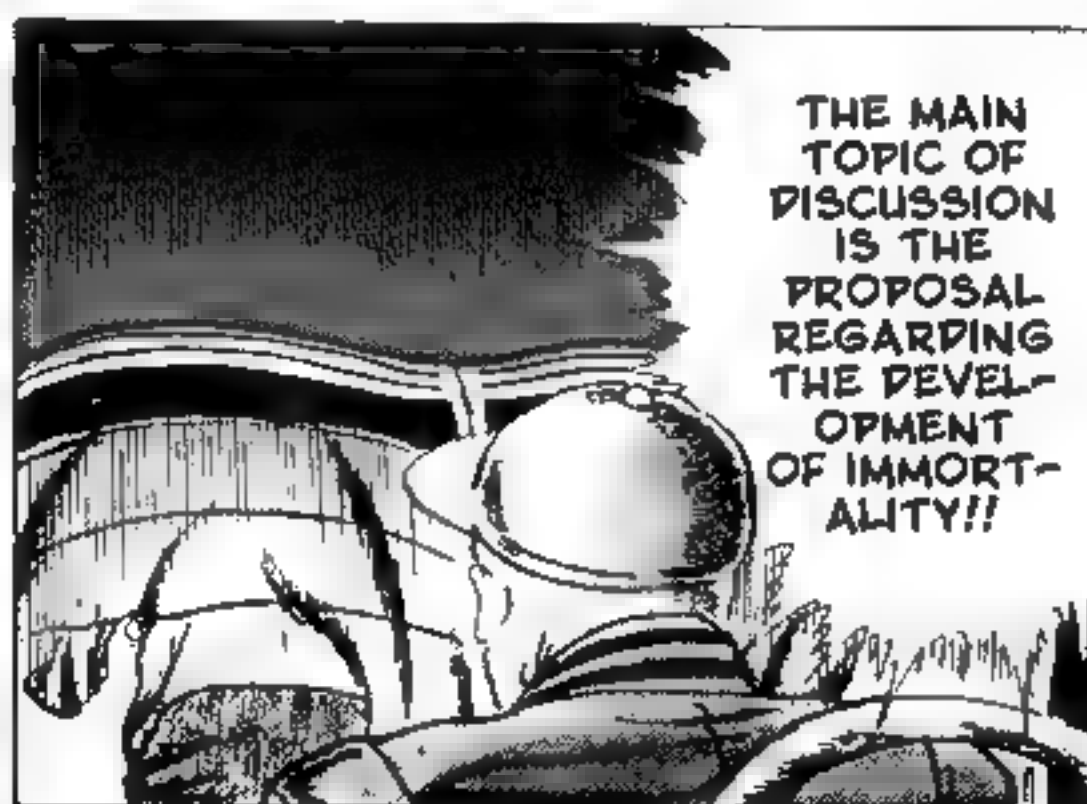
T-THEY
RAN
AWAY!



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
BUGS?!



THE EARTH CONFERENCE





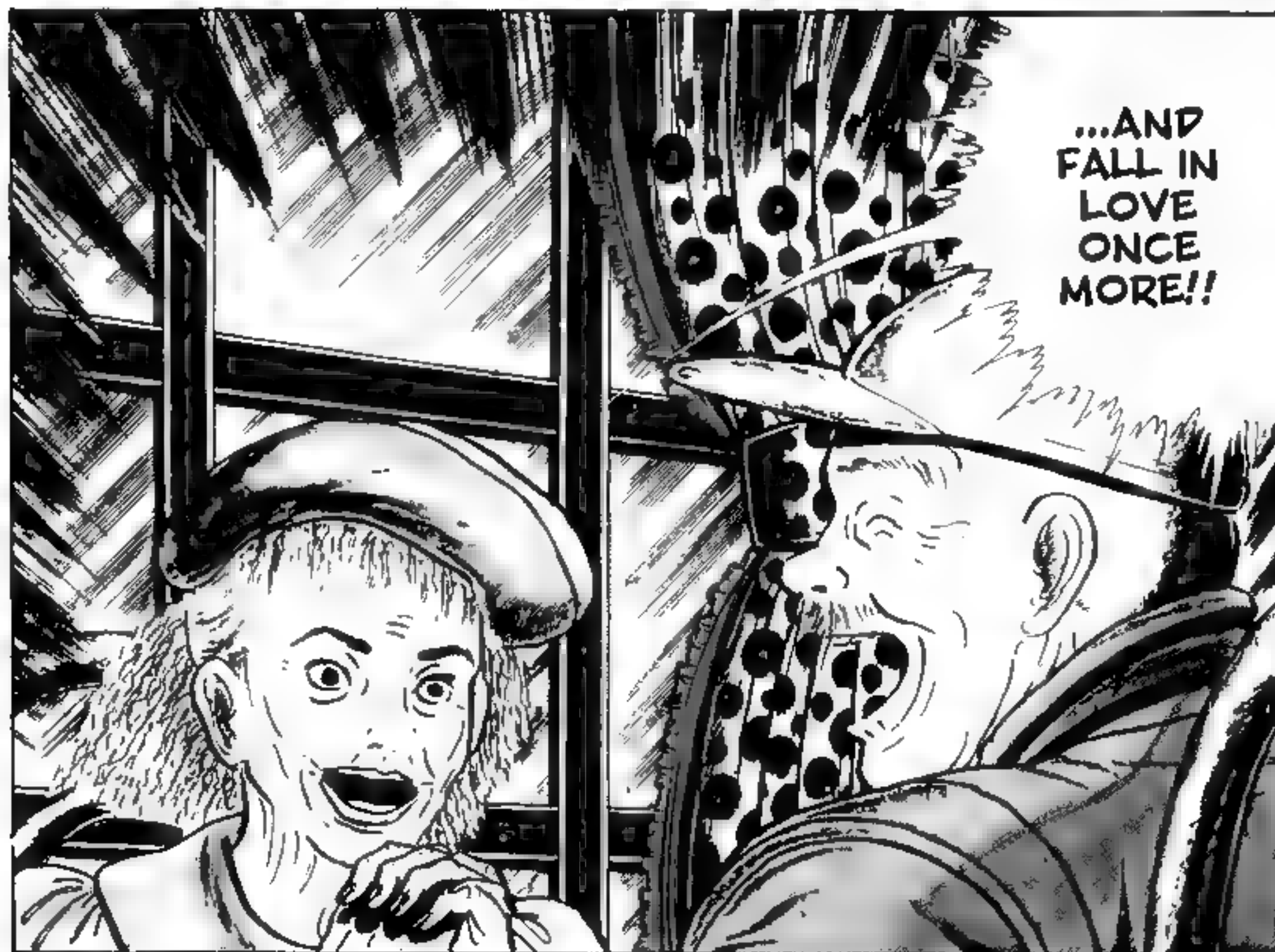
NOW WE'LL
BE ABLE TO
TURN YOUNG
AGAIN...



THE
DAY WHEN
IMMORTALITY
IS CREATED
HAS FINALLY
GOTTEN
NEAR!!



OH,
MY...



...AND
FALL IN
LOVE
ONCE
MORE!!

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SFX: RUMBLE.



SFX: RUMBLE.



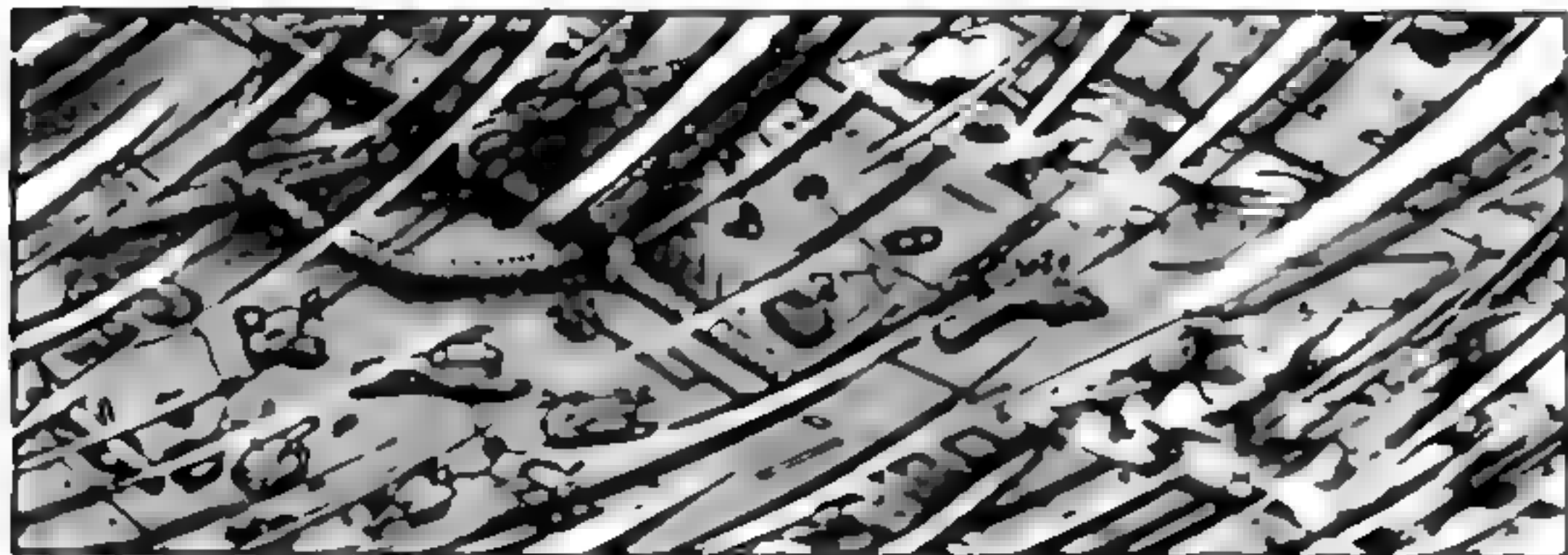
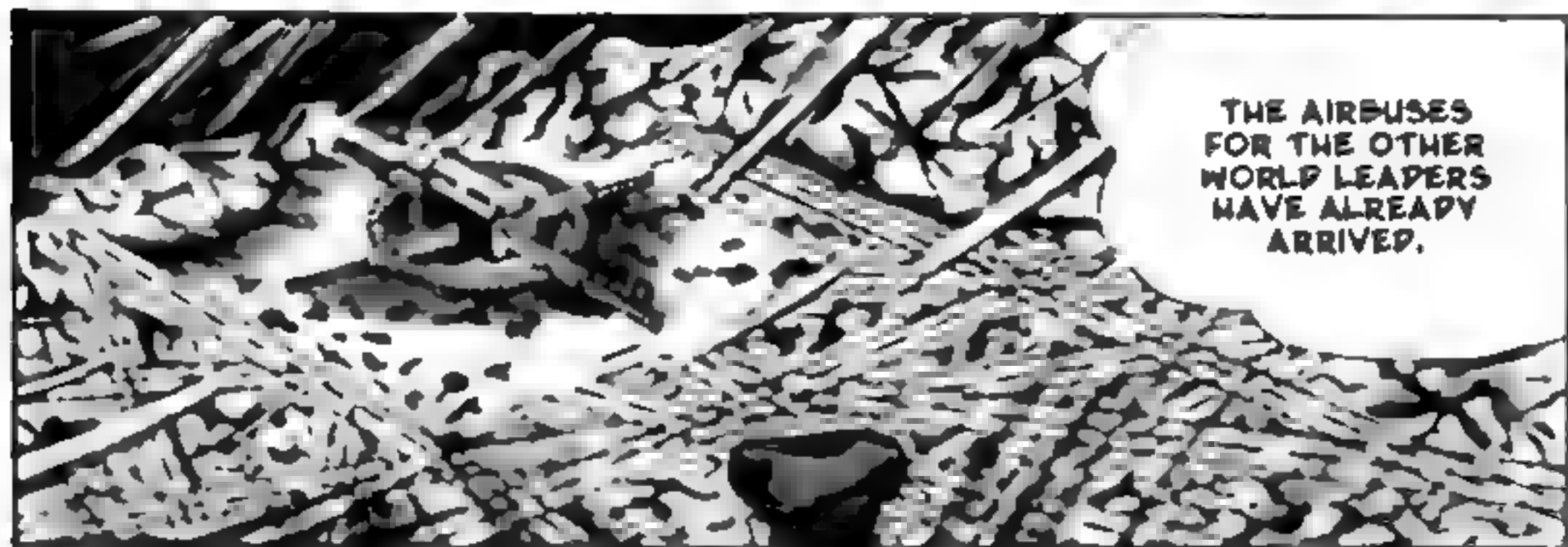
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SFX: BZZT.

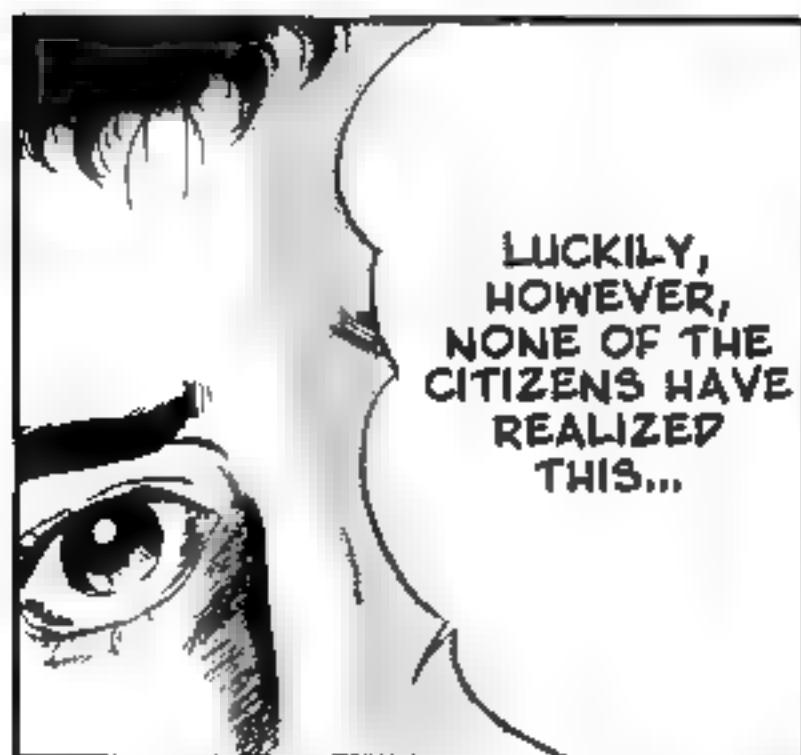




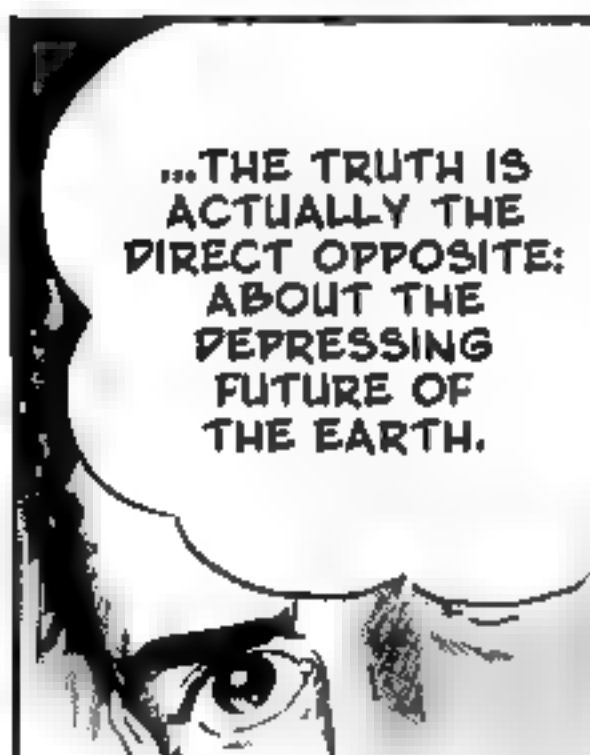




THIS
CONFERENCE
IS LOOKING
TO BE A VERY
SERIOUS ONE,
SIR.



LUCKILY,
HOWEVER,
NONE OF THE
CITIZENS HAVE
REALIZED
THIS...



...THE TRUTH IS
ACTUALLY THE
DIRECT OPPOSITE:
ABOUT THE
DEPRESSING
FUTURE OF
THE EARTH.



THE NEWSPAPER
AND MEDIA KEEP
TALKING ABOUT IT
"DISCUSSING
A BRIGHT FUTURE
FOR THE EARTH",
BUT...



IF THEY
WERE TO FIND
OUT THE TRUTH,
THOUGH,
THE RULES OF
SOCIETY WOULD
INSTANTLY
DISSOLVE.

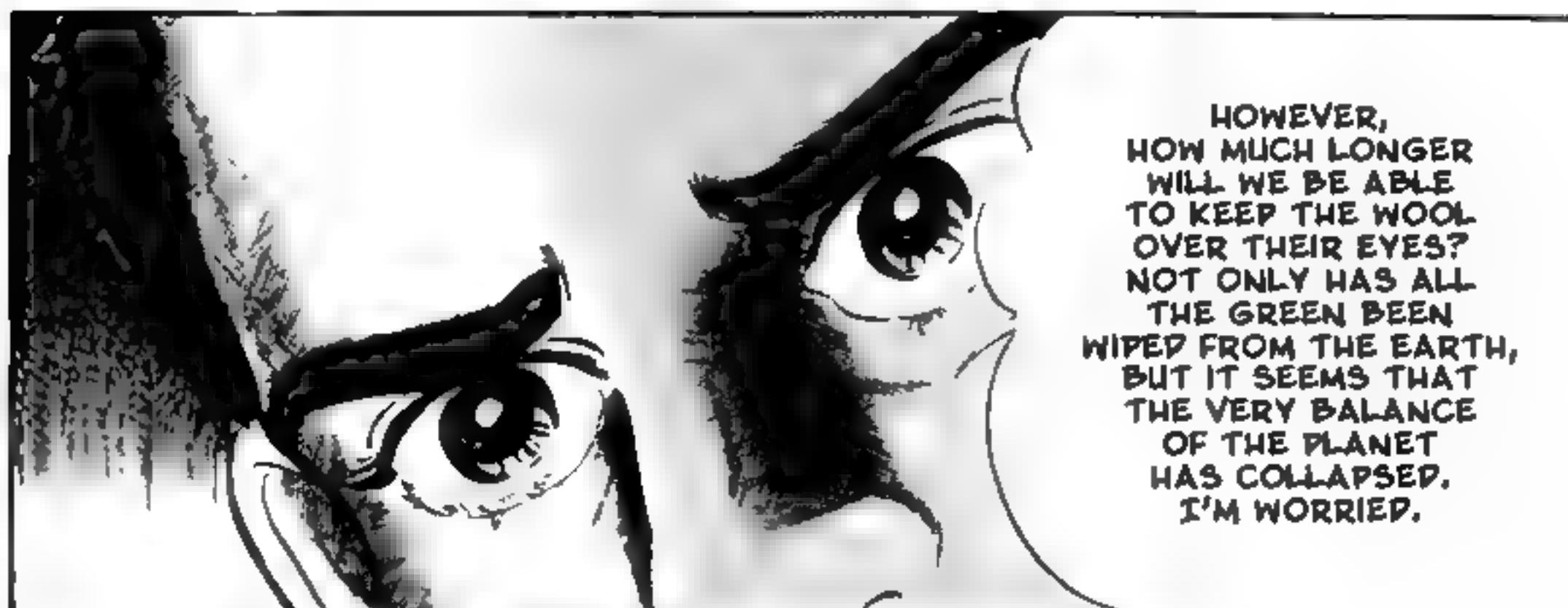
AND THEY'RE
EXPECTING
THAT EVEN
HAPPIER DAYS
ARE YET TO
COME.

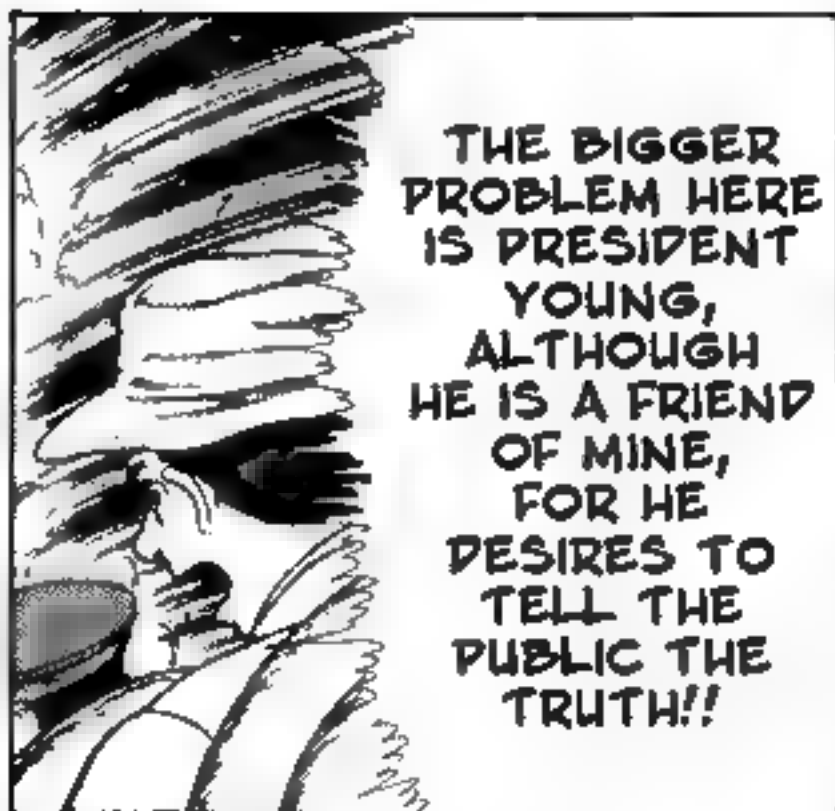


MMM.

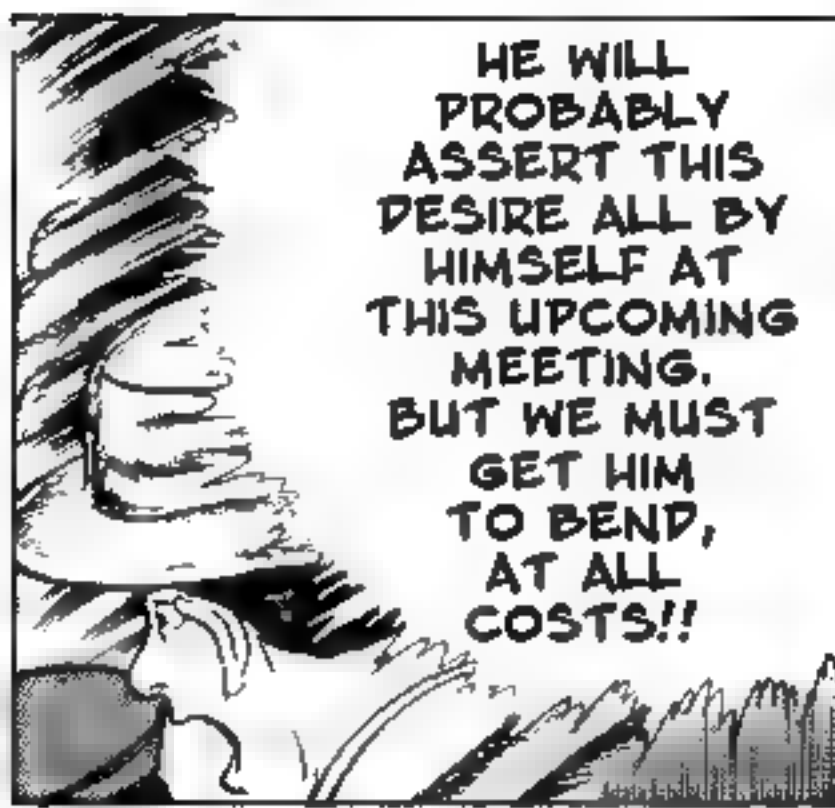


THAT'S WHY
IT'S SUCH A GREAT
RELIEF THAT DR.
CHICKEN GEORGE HAS
GIVEN US THE TRUE
THEORY TO IMMORTALITY.
THEY'RE ALL ABSORBED
IN HIM AT THE MOMENT.





THE BIGGER
PROBLEM HERE
IS PRESIDENT
YOUNG,
ALTHOUGH
HE IS A FRIEND
OF MINE,
FOR HE
DESIRES TO
TELL THE
PUBLIC THE
TRUTH!!



HE WILL
PROBABLY
ASSERT THIS
DESIRE ALL BY
HIMSELF AT
THIS UPCOMING
MEETING.
BUT WE MUST
GET HIM
TO BEND,
AT ALL
COSTS!!



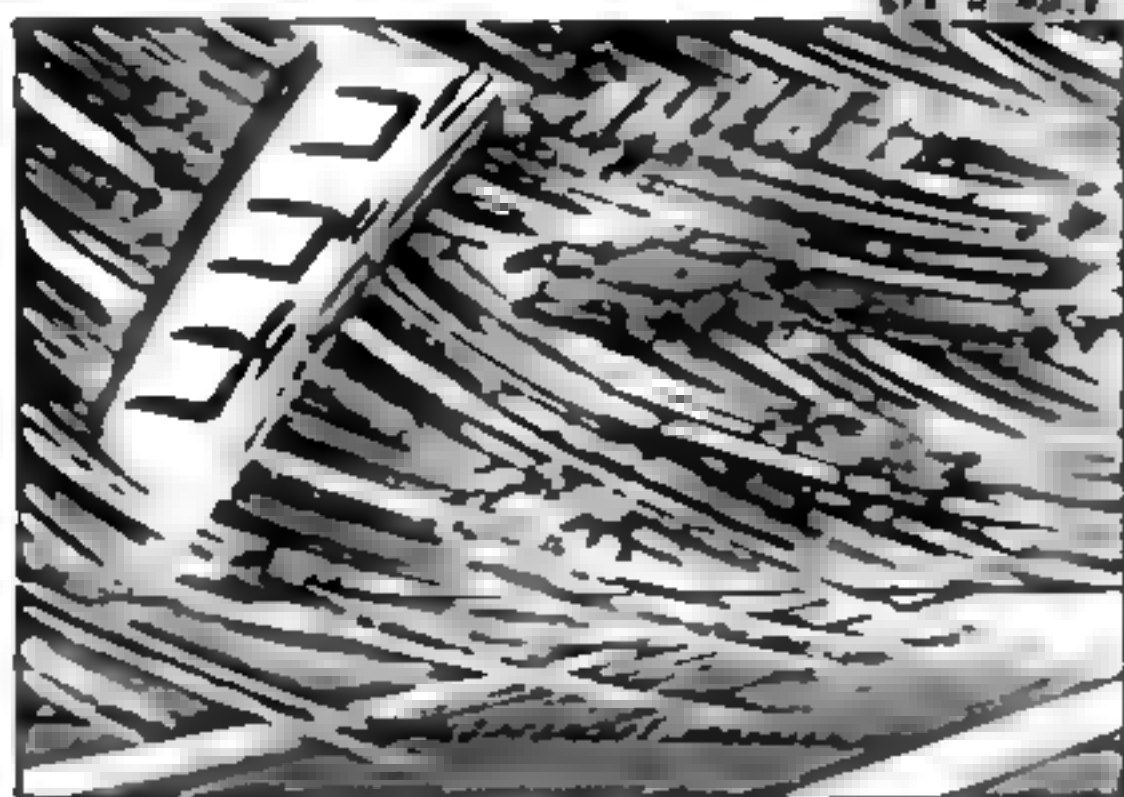
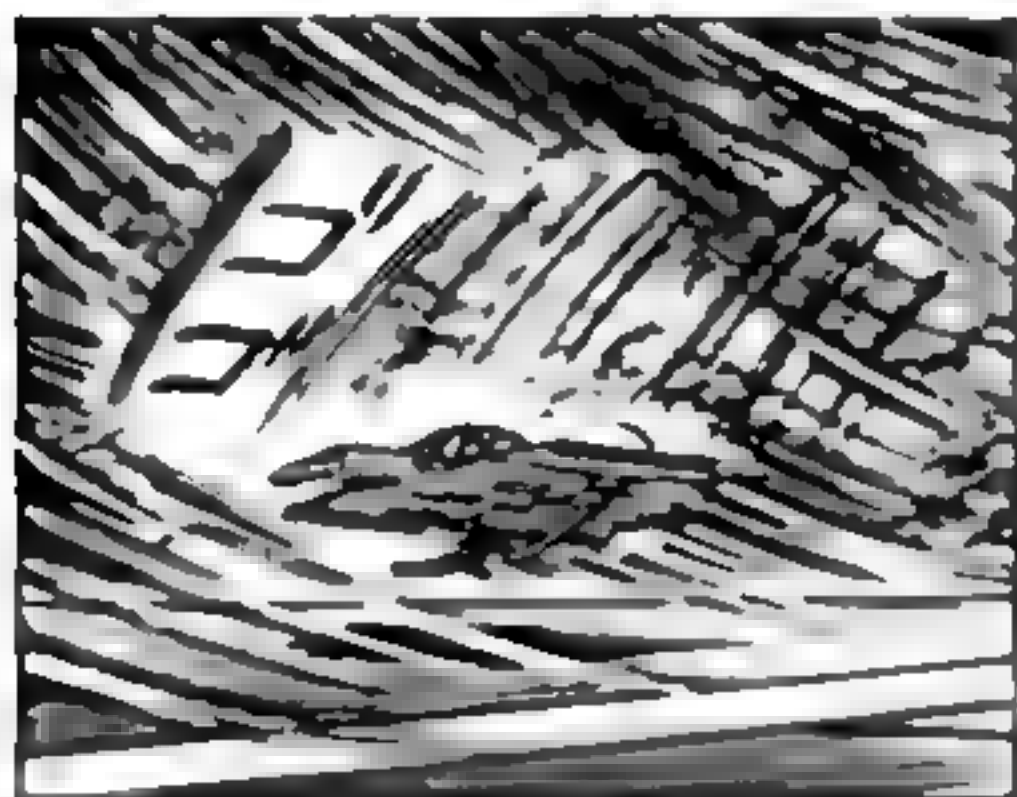
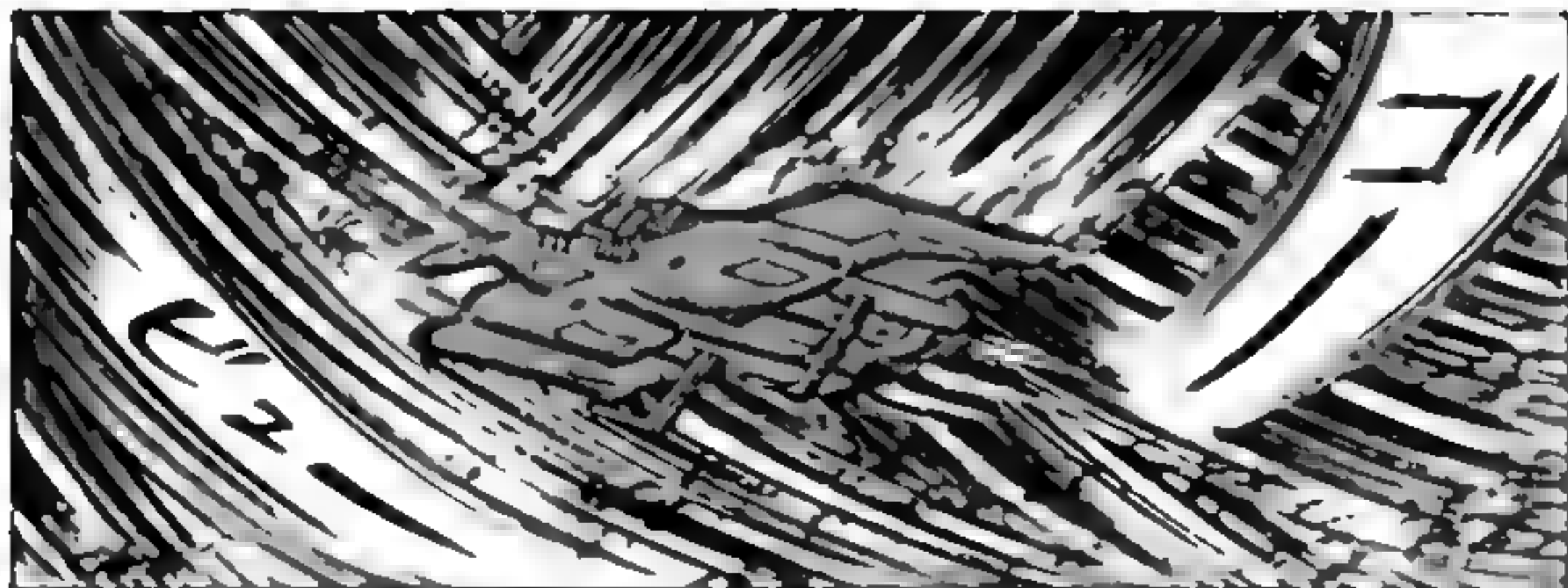
THEREFORE,
THAT NEWS REPORT
IS CORRECT!!
FOR NOW,
WE NEED A NARCOTIC
TO KEEP THE
PEOPLES' EYES AWAY
FROM THE PRESENT!!



HE IS A GREAT MAN,
BUT HE LOVES
TRADITION AND
JUSTICE TOO MUCH.
HE WAS BORN INTO
A FAR TOO PEDRIGREED
FAMILY!!
HE DOESN'T REALIZE
THAT THE PEOPLE
HE GOVERNS DO NOT
ALL POSSESS LOFTY
CHARACTERS LIKE
HE DOES.



ICELAND IS
THE PERFECT
PLACE TO HOLD
THIS CONFERENCE.
IT NEVER HAD
MUCH GREENERY,
AND IS
EXTREMELY COLD,
SO PEOPLE WON'T
COME NEAR IT.
THEREFORE WE
DON'T NEED TO
WORRY ABOUT
ANYONE LISTENING IN.
COME NOW,
LET'S DISEMBARK.



BAX

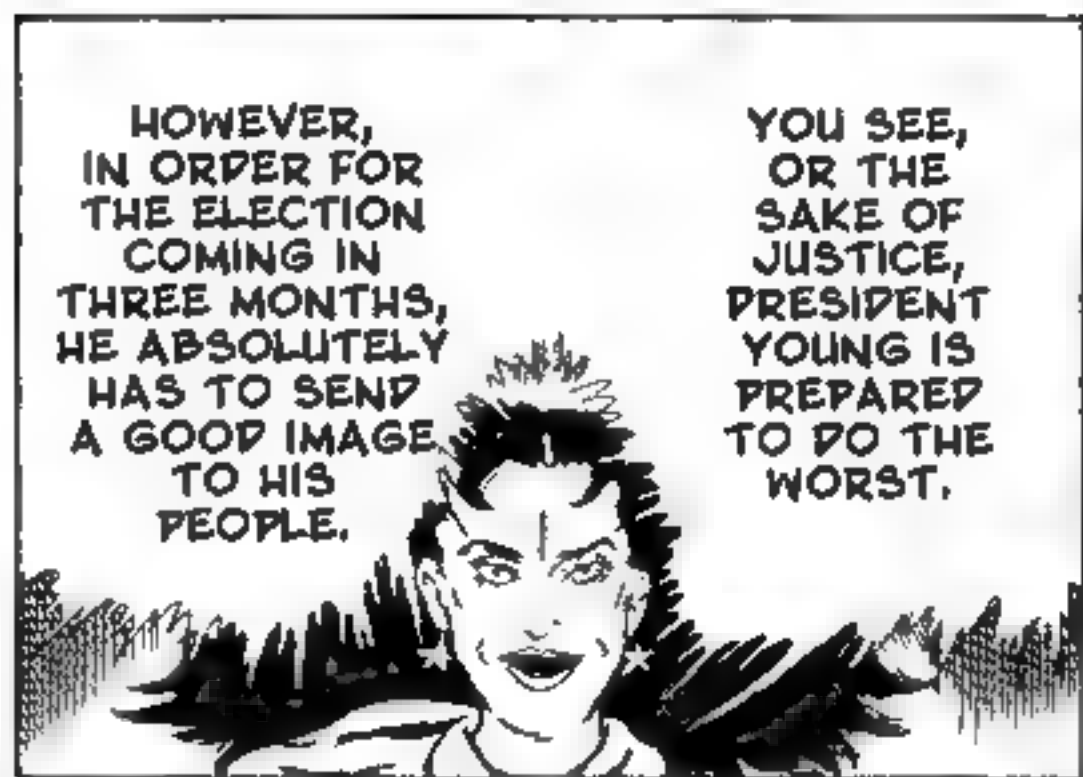








I'M SURE YOU,
JUST LIKE
PRESIDENT YOUNG,
ARE IN THE MIDST
OF A DIRE PANIC
RIGHT NOW.



HOWEVER,
IN ORDER FOR
THE ELECTION
COMING IN
THREE MONTHS,
HE ABSOLUTELY
HAS TO SEND
A GOOD IMAGE
TO HIS
PEOPLE.

YOU SEE,
OR THE
SAKE OF
JUSTICE,
PRESIDENT
YOUNG IS
PREPARED
TO DO THE
WORST.



EHH?!



THE
CONFERENCE
IS ABOUT
TO START.

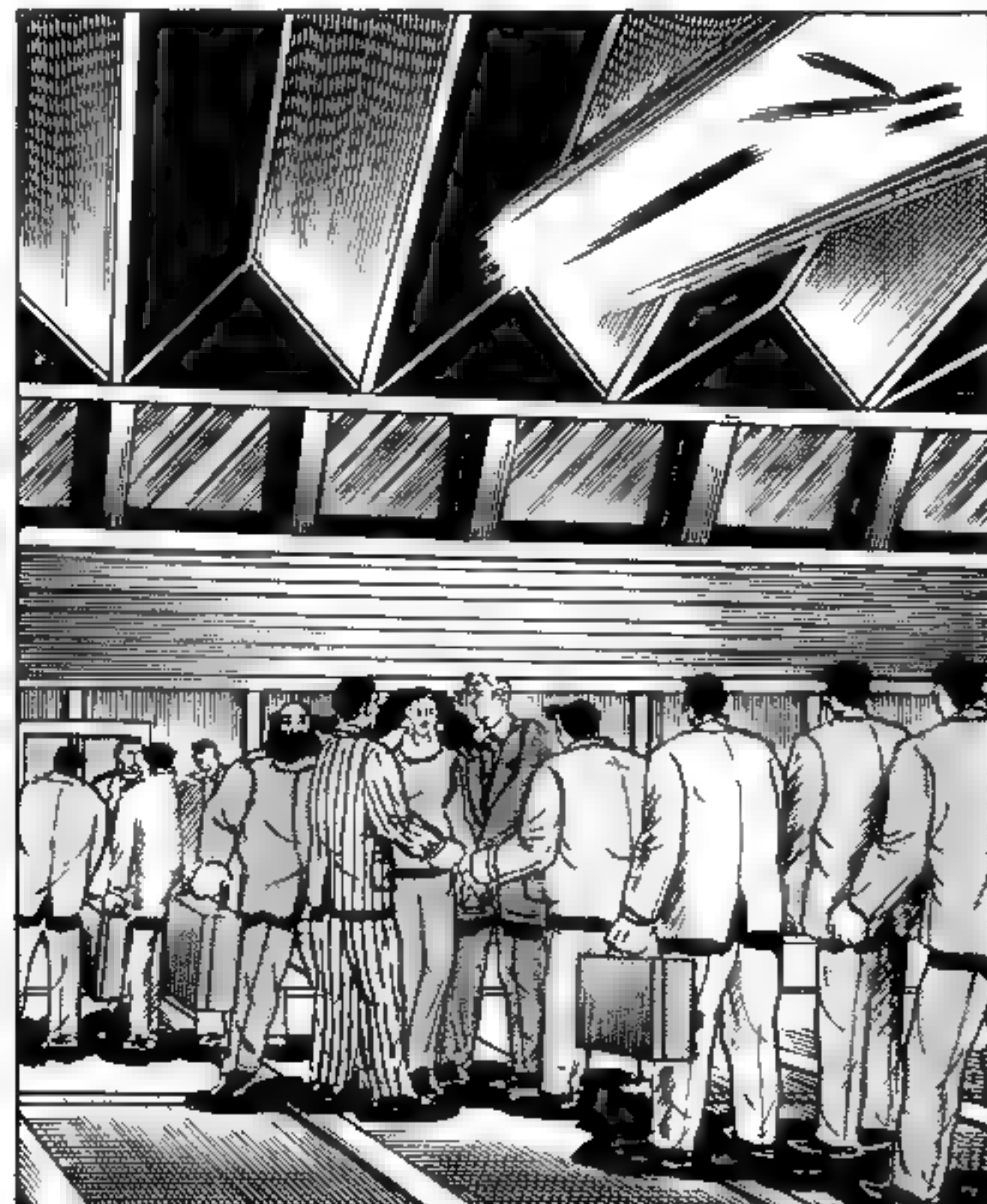
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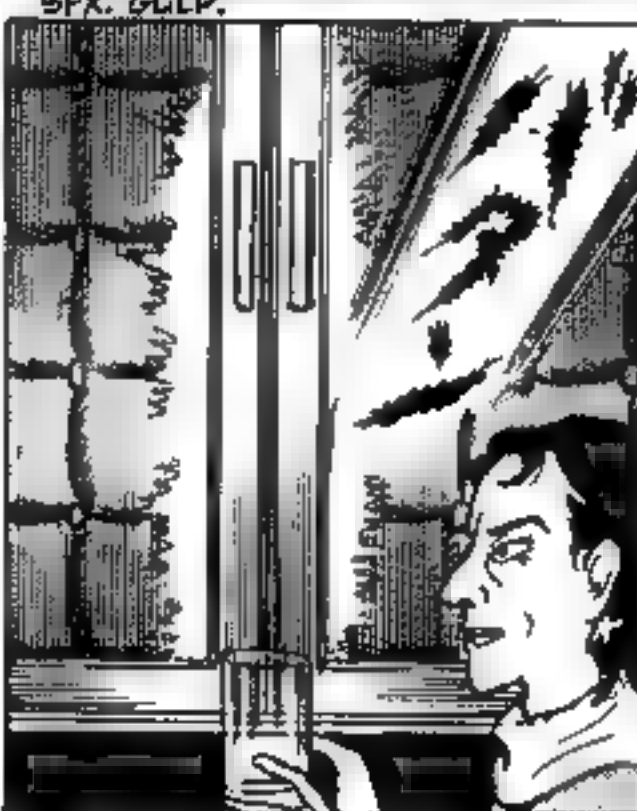
LET US
BE OFF,
THEN.

MMM.

HERE
ARE THE
PAPERS,
SIR.



SFX: BOOP.





YES.



HIS NAIVETE
IS WHY
PEOPLE LOVE
THAT MAN
SO MUCH.



VICE-
PRESIDENT
GORMAN,
COULD THAT
WATER BE
..?!



WITH THIS
WATER IN
HIS BODY,
PRESIDENT
YOUNG WILL
SURELY AGREE
WITH THE REST
OF THE WORLD
LEADERS,
INCLUDING
YOURS.

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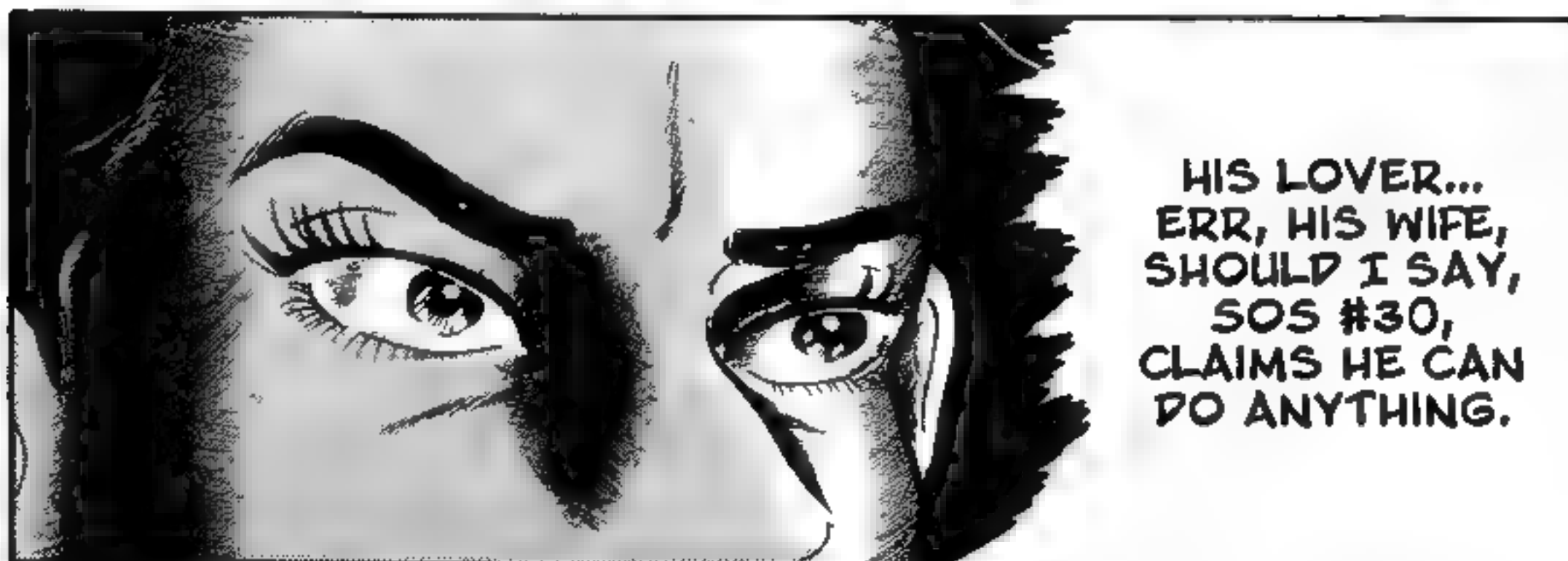
BUT HE
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
MAKE THINGS
LIKE THAT
ANYMORE.



WHAT?



AND YET
HE DID.



HIS LOVER...
ERR, HIS WIFE,
SHOULD I SAY,
SOS #30,
CLAIMS HE CAN
DO ANYTHING.



AND
WHAT'S MORE,
HE'S ALREADY
BEGUN WORK
TOWARD FINISHING
THE IMMORTALITY
SERUM,
WITHOUT WAITING
FOR APPROVAL
FROM THE WORLD
LEADERS.



IN A
CORNER
OF THE
CHICKEN
FACTORY
UNDER
YOUR
TOKYO
PYRAMID.



THAT IS HIS
HOMETOWN,
IS IT NOT?
IT MUST BE
EFFICIENT FOR
HIM TO WORK
THERE.



HIS JAPANESE
STAFF MEMBERS
ARE ALL GENIUSES,
TO BOOT...
JAPANESE PEOPLE
HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN KEEN ON
DETAILED THINGS,
AND ARE ADVANCED
IN THE MICRO-
TECHNOLOGY FIELD.



MUMU...



WHAT,
THERE'S NOTHING
TO WORRY ABOUT!!
REGARDLESS OF
HOW YOU FEEL
PERSONALLY ON
THE MATTER,
YOU SHOULD
UNDERSTAND THAT
CREATING THIS
IMMORTALITY SERUM
AND KEEPING THE
PEOPLE BLIND IS OF
THE UTMOST
IMPORTANCE NOW.



RIGHT NOW,
PRESIDENT YOUNG
IS PROBABLY
GOING DIRECTLY
AGAINST HIS
OWN INSTINCTS,
AND RAISING HIS HAND
TO APPROVE
THE IMMORTALITY
PROPOSAL.



HA HA HA!



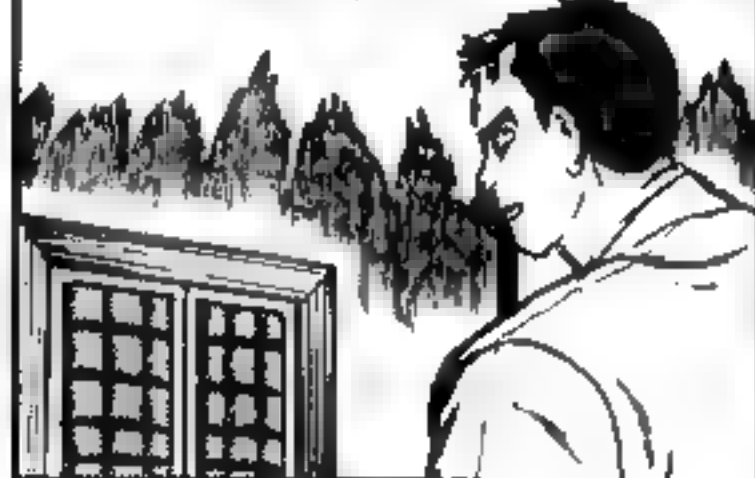
MUMUMU...



SFX: WHOOSH.



JUST WHAT ARE
THEY DISCUSSING?
ISN'T THE PRIME
MINISTER GETTING
TIRED?



THIS
CONFERENCE
SURE IS
TAKING
A LONG
TIME.





SFX: SLAM.



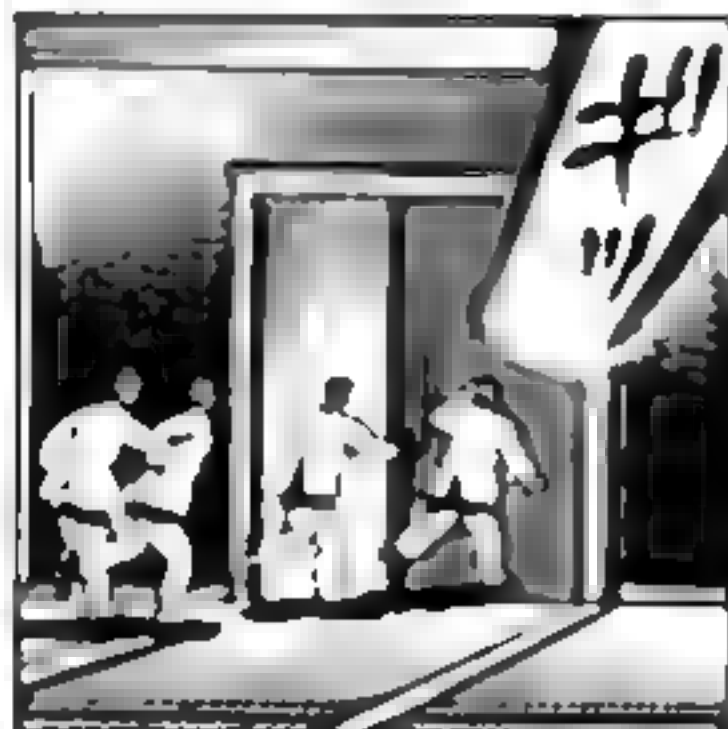
SIR!!

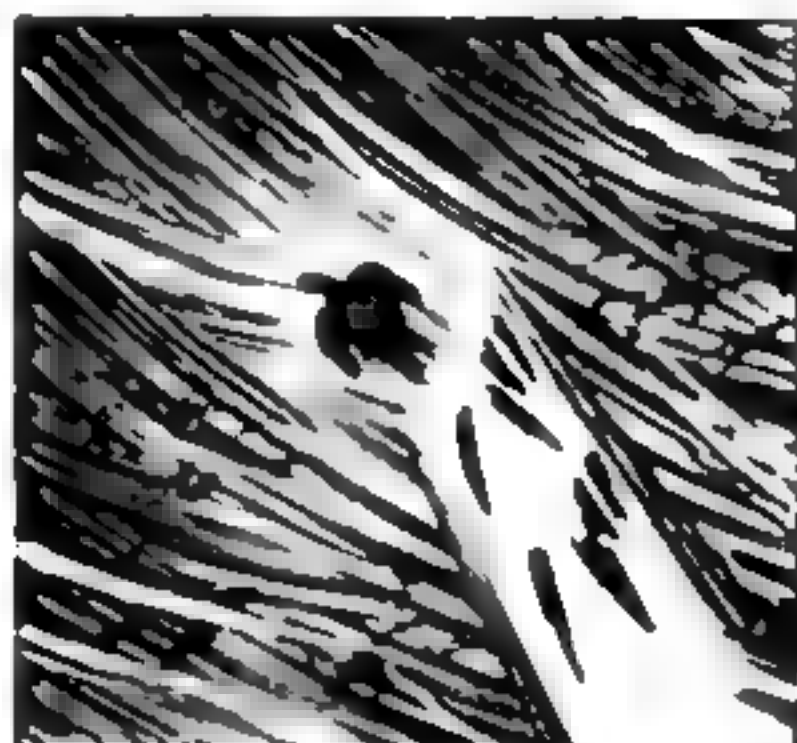


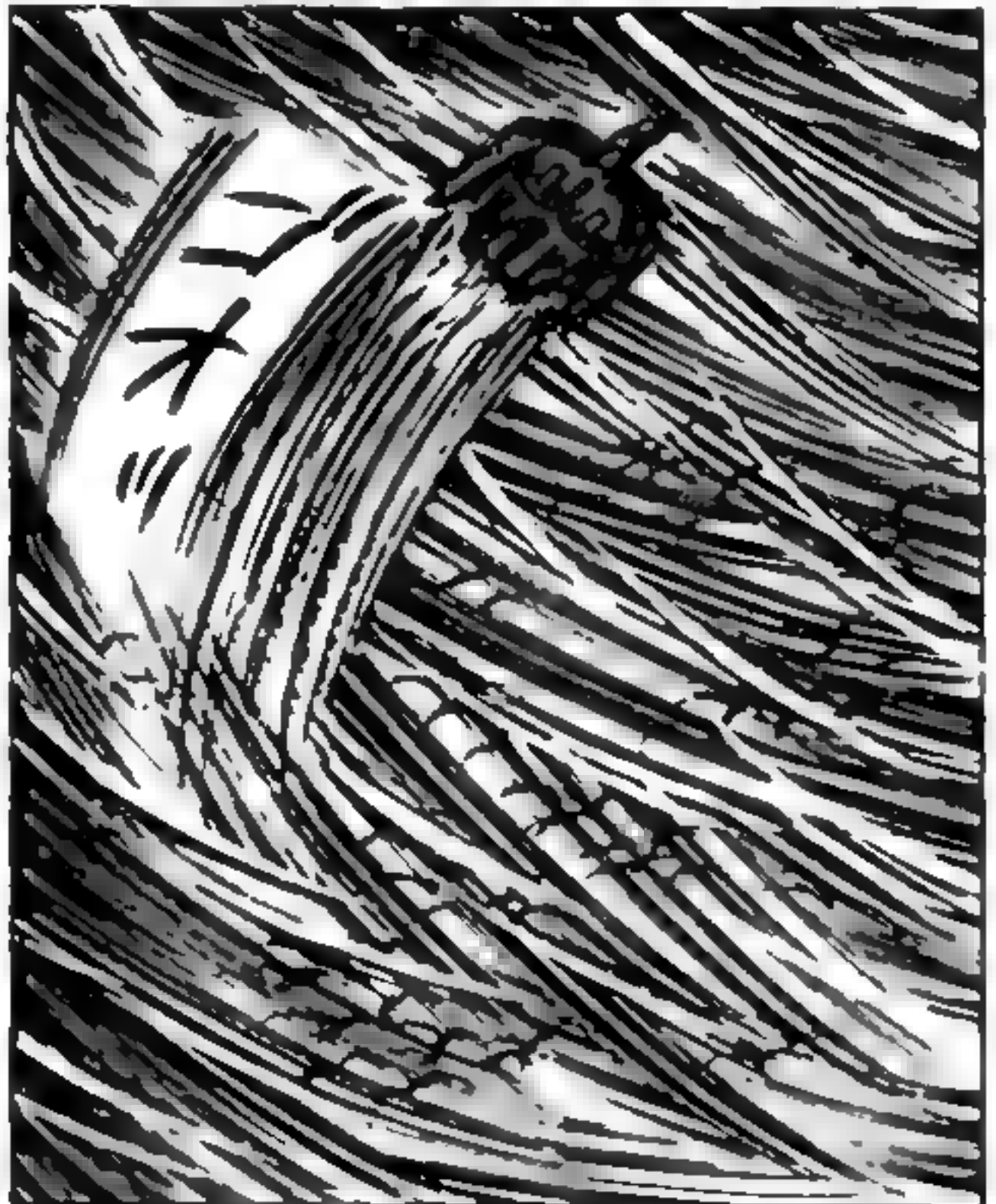
WE'RE
LEAV-
ING!!



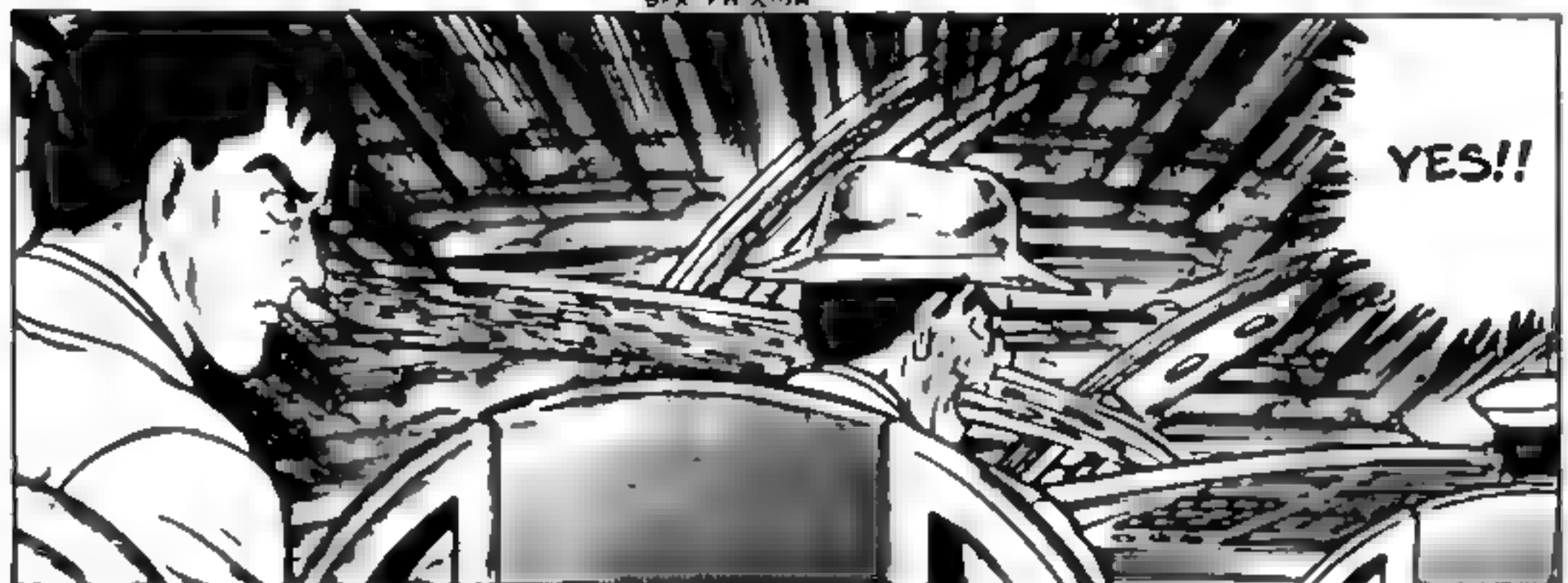
BUT
PRIME MINISTER,
AREN'T YOU
GOING TO BID
FAREWELL TO
PRESIDENT
YOUNG?!







SFX FW A 5M





IT WAS
A HORRIBLE
MEETING!!



I KNEW IT
WOULDN'T
BE GOOD,
BUT IF ONLY
I WOULD
HAVE
KNOWN...



JUST
WHAT
DID YOU
DISCUSS?
PLEASE
TELL ME!



SFX: GULP.



I BELIEVE
IT'S ALRIGHT
FOR YOU TO
TELL YOUR OWN
SECRETARY!!
I HAVE A NEED
TO KNOW
EVERYTHING!



EXACTLY!!



IT'S JUST
ALL TOO
HORRIFYING
TO PUT INTO
WORDS...



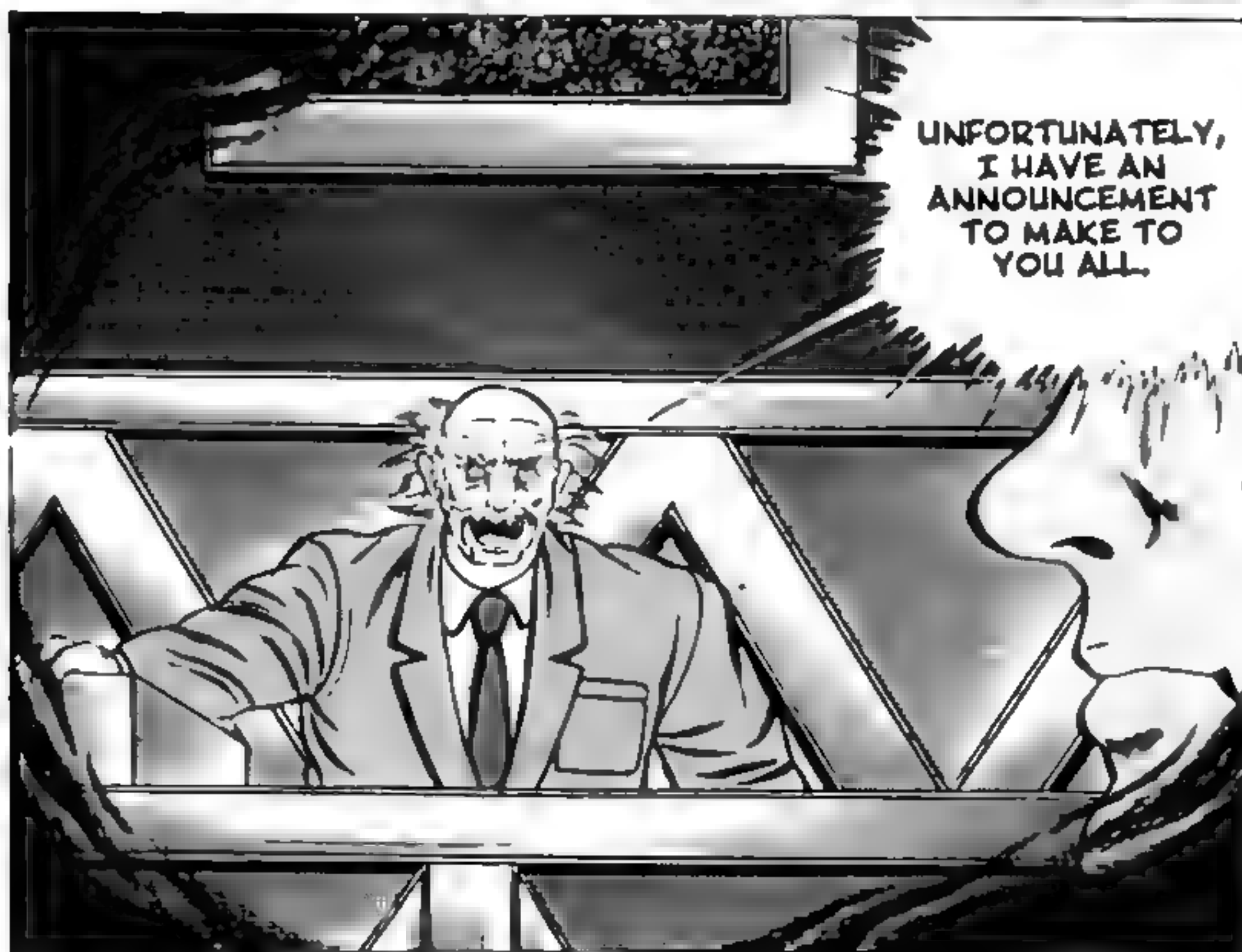
EHHH
?!



THE EARTH
WILL END
IN THREE
YEARS!!

THE FRIGHTENING CONTENTS OF THE MEETING





**THE EARTH
WILL END IN
THREE YEARS
!!**



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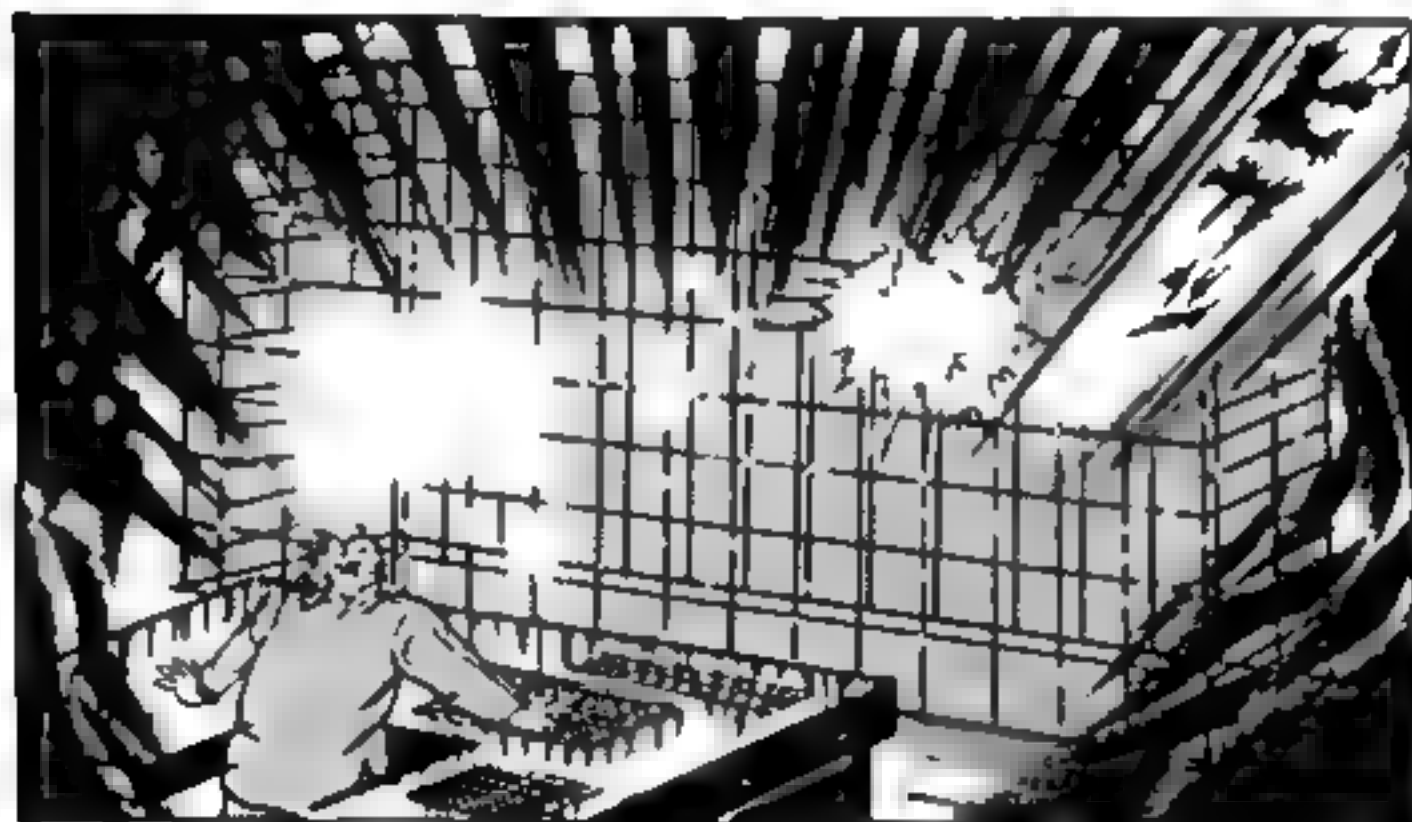




THAT'S
RIGHT.



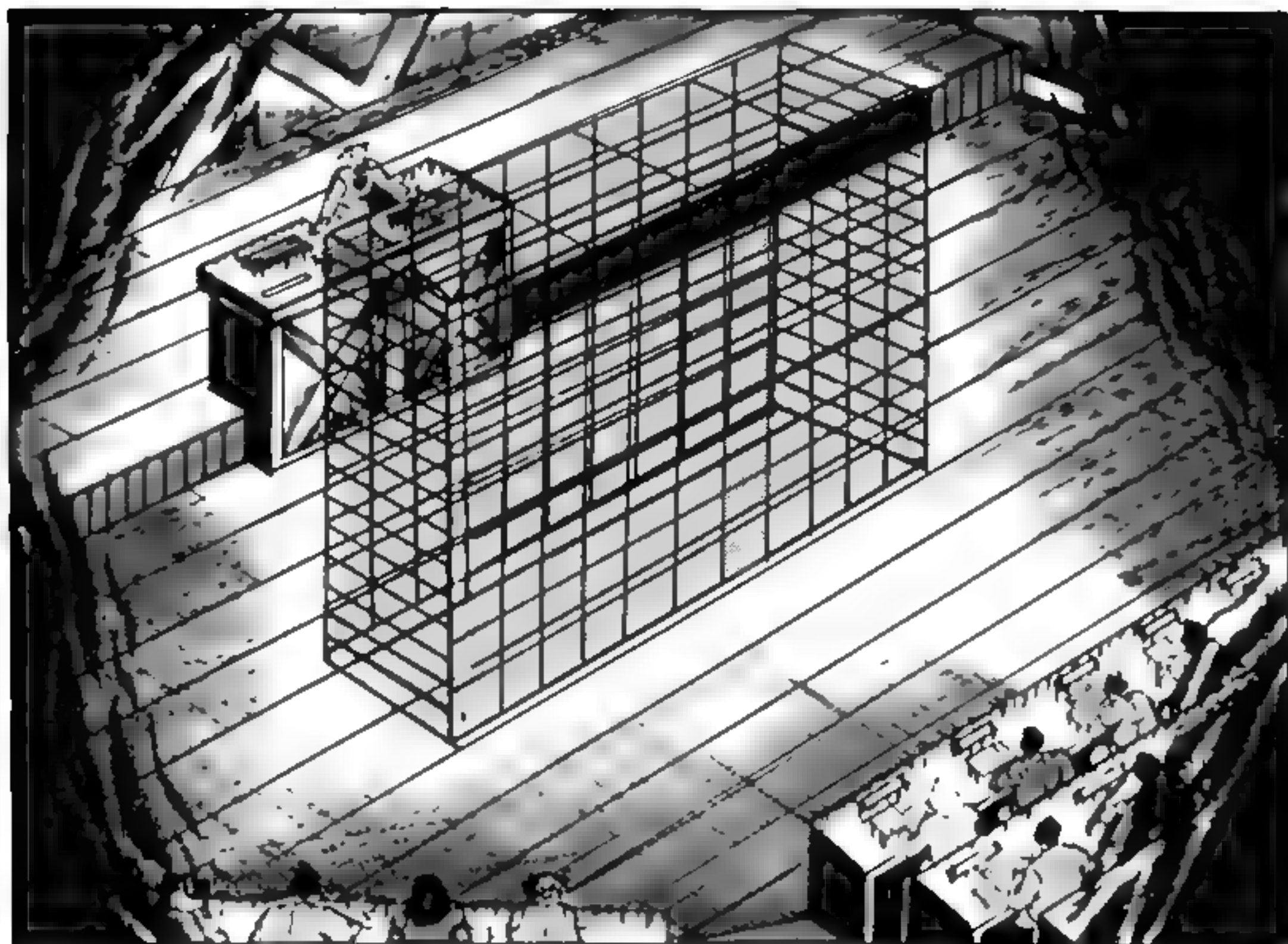
I WILL
NOW SHOW
YOU PROOF.



SFX: SNAP.




SFX: KA-CHUK



THIS WAS COMPILED
USING THE DATA
YOU ALL BROUGHT ME
BEFORE THE MEETING.

PLEASE LOOK AT
THE STATISTICAL
GRAPH THAT
APPEARS IN THIS
HOLOGRAPH.

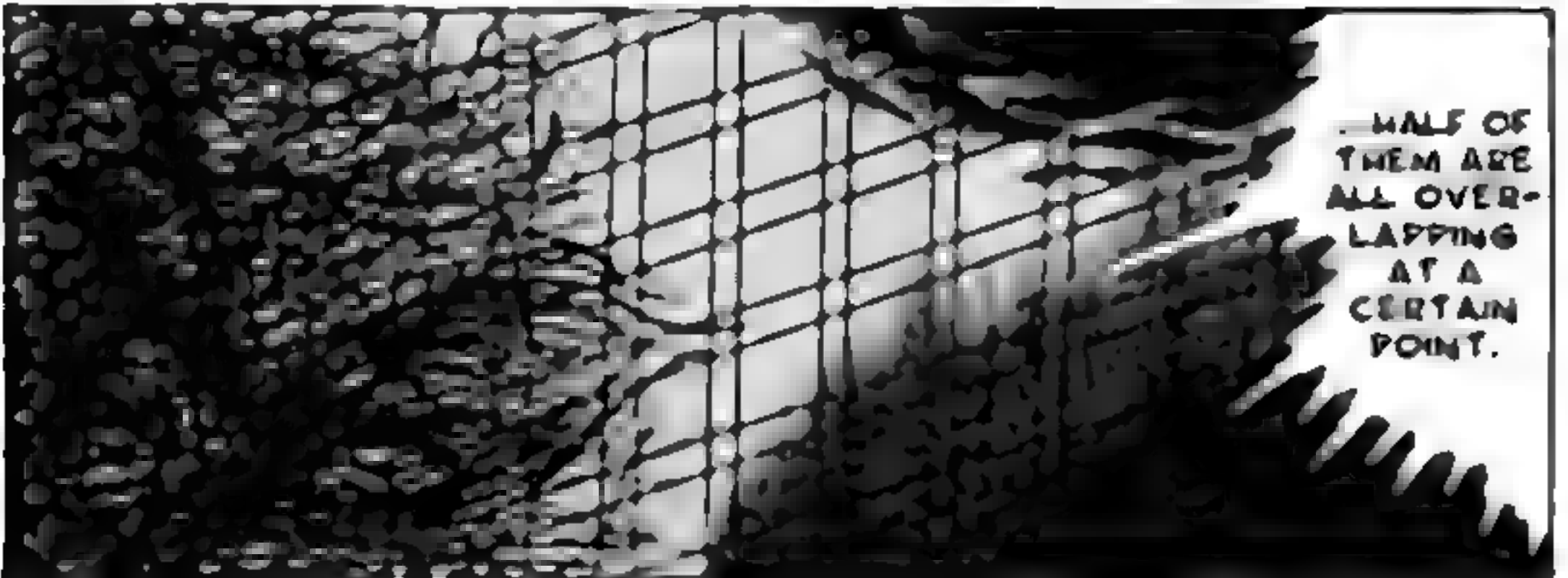
NOW
WATCH.



THOSE
LINES
REPRESENT
THE DATA.



AND AT
THIS POINT,
...



... HALF OF
THEM ARE
ALL OVER-
LAPPING
AT A
CERTAIN
POINT.



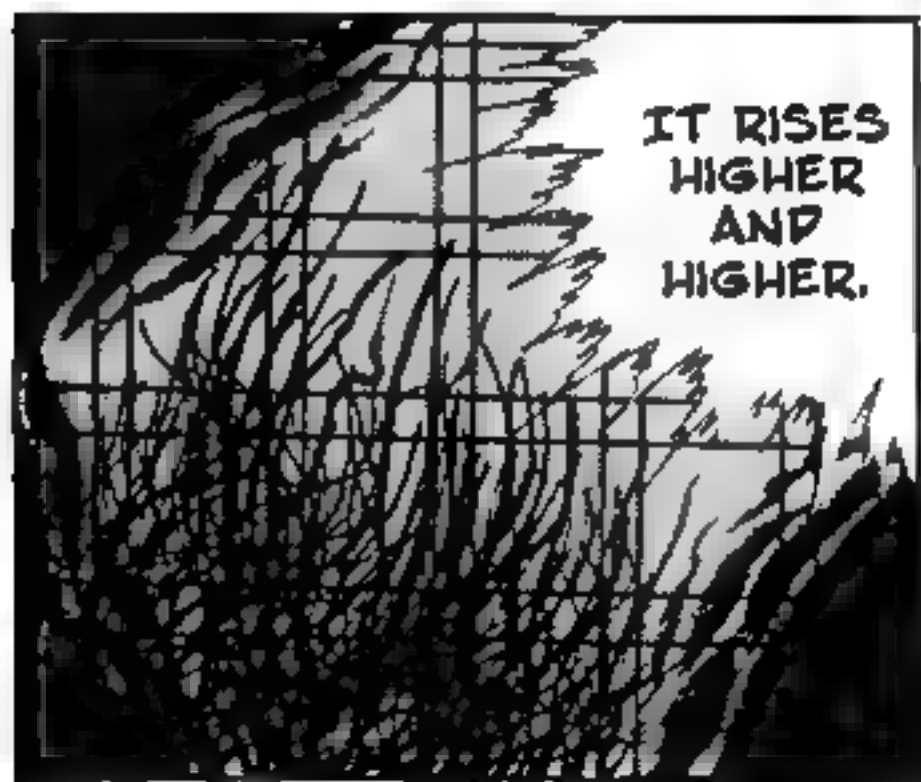
BUT
THEN,
MYSTER-
IOUSLY
ENOUGH,
...



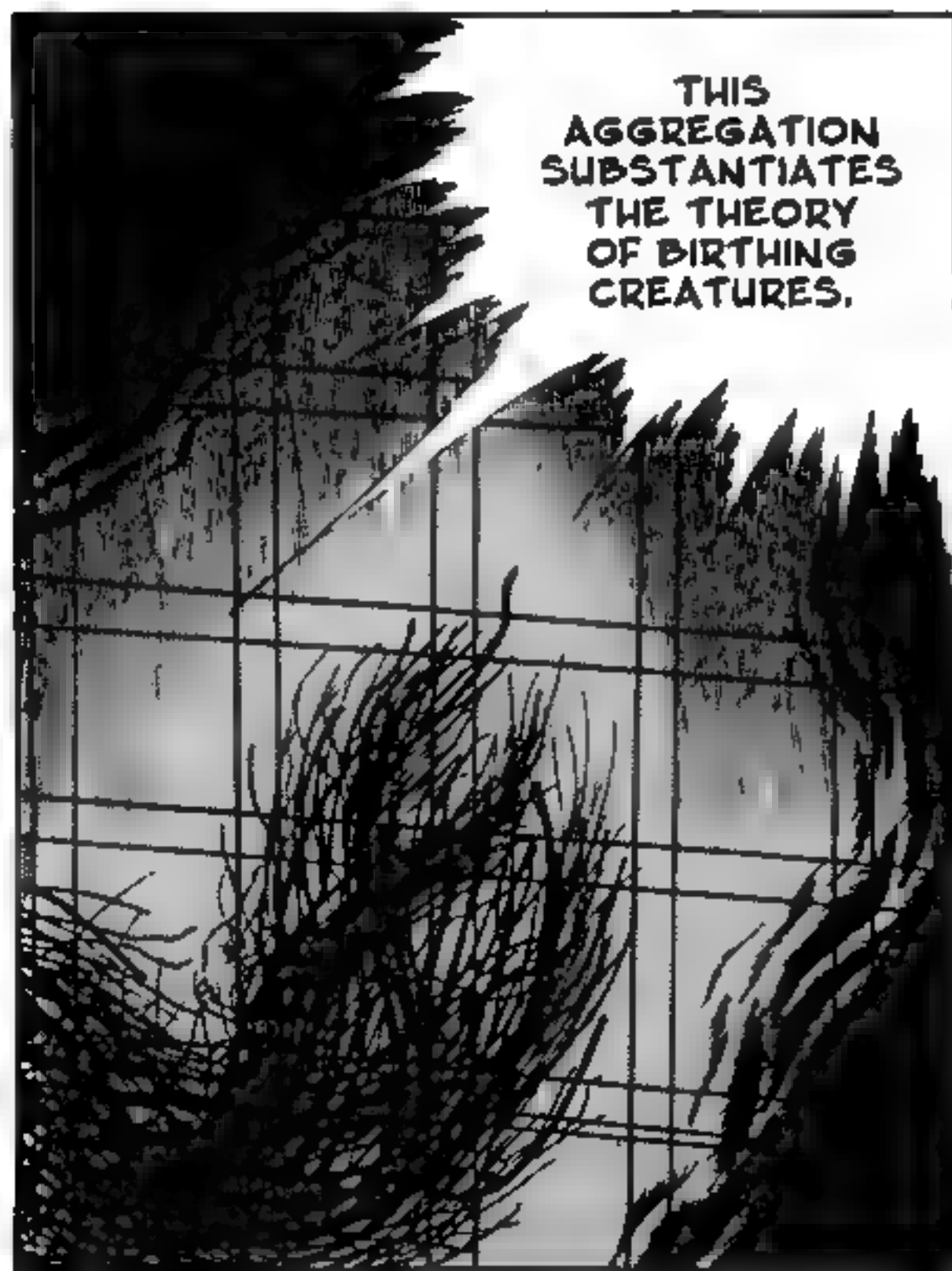
...THE
GRAPH
SUD-
DENLY
GOES
UP.



THIS
REPRESENTS
THE HAPPIEST
MOMENT IN
TIME FOR THE
HUMAN RACE.



IT RISES
HIGHER
AND
HIGHER.

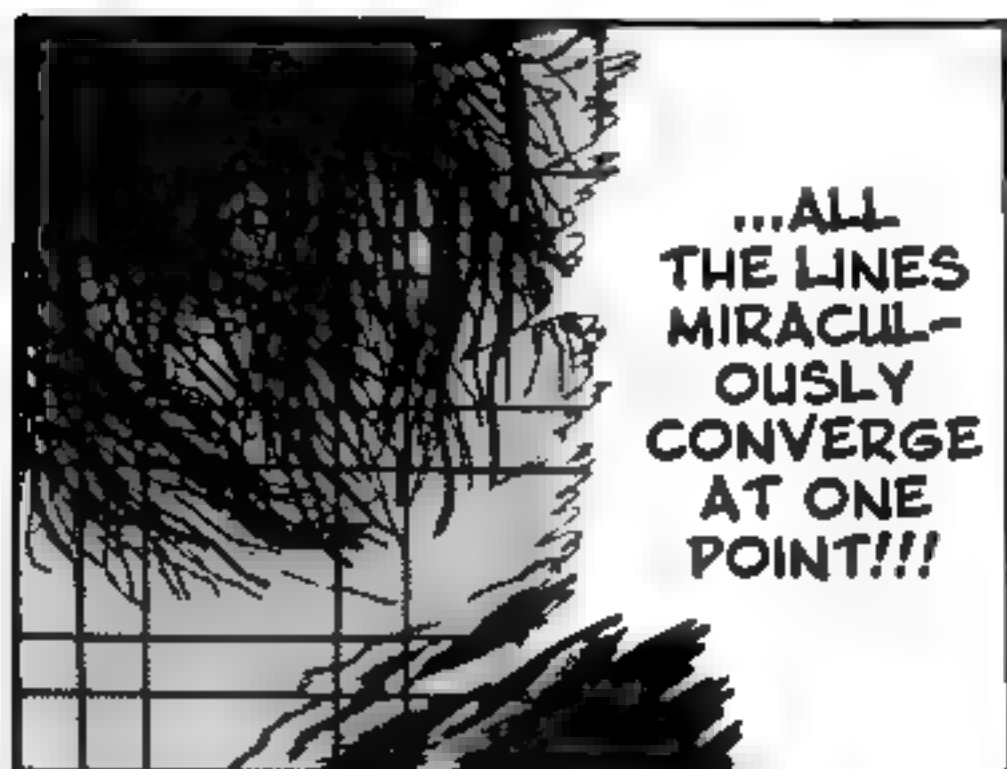
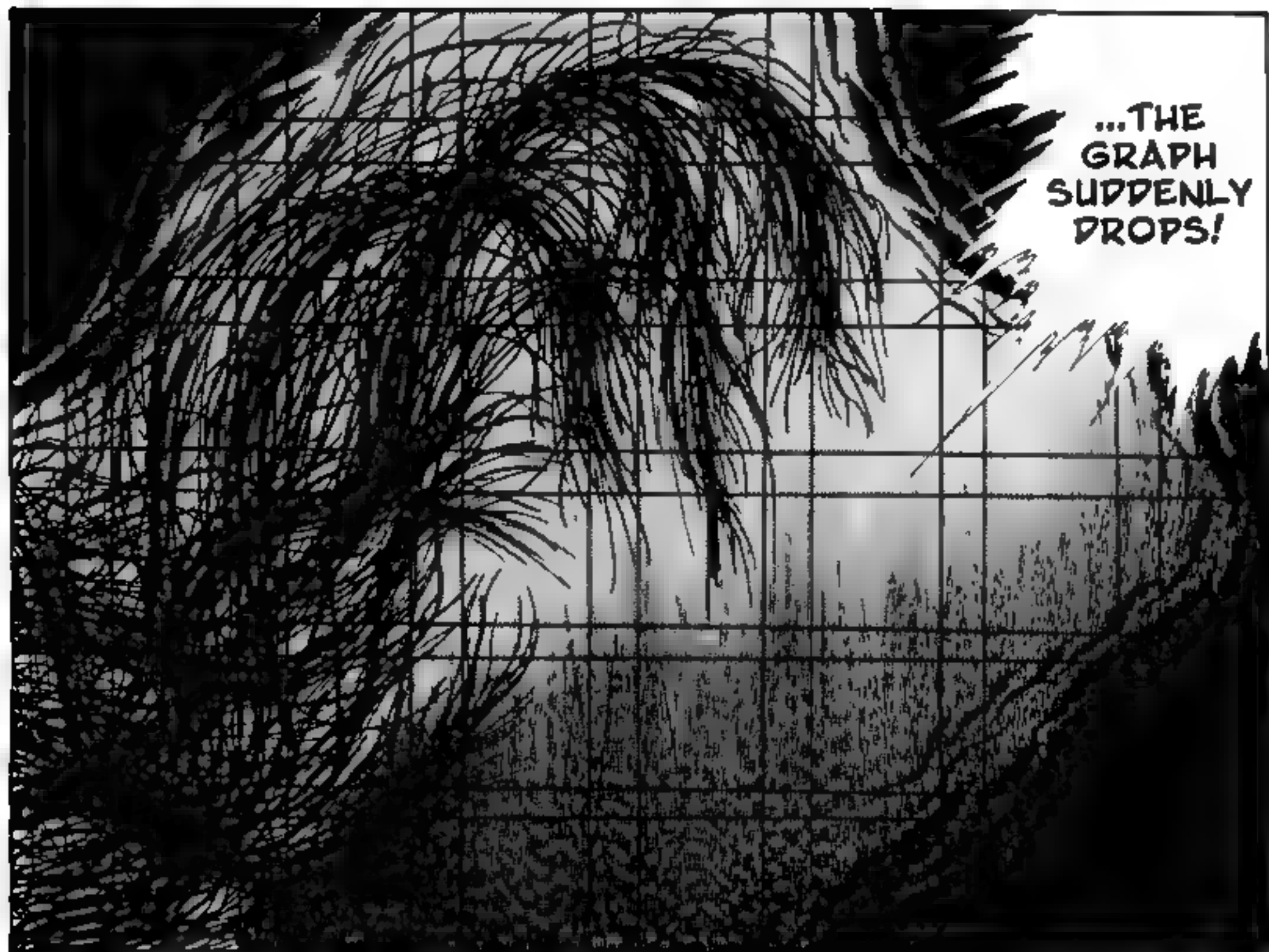


THIS
AGGREGATION
SUBSTANTIATES
THE THEORY
OF BIRTHING
CREATURES.



NOW WE
ARRIVE AT
PRESENT
DAY.
AT THIS
POINT,
HOWEVER,

WE WILL
HAVE TO
ENLARGE
THE HOLO-
GRAPH
UNTIL IT
REACHES
THE
CEILING.

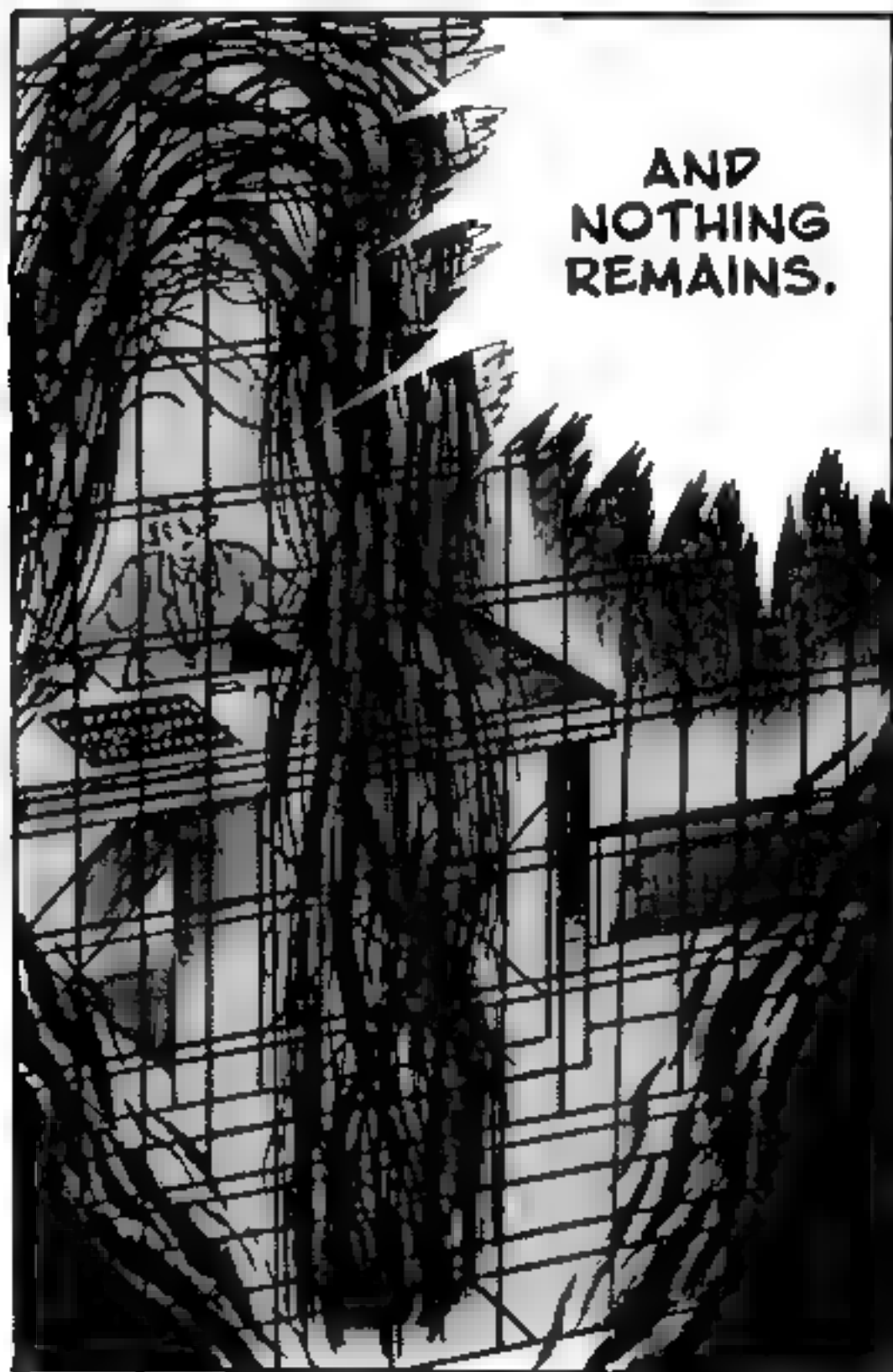


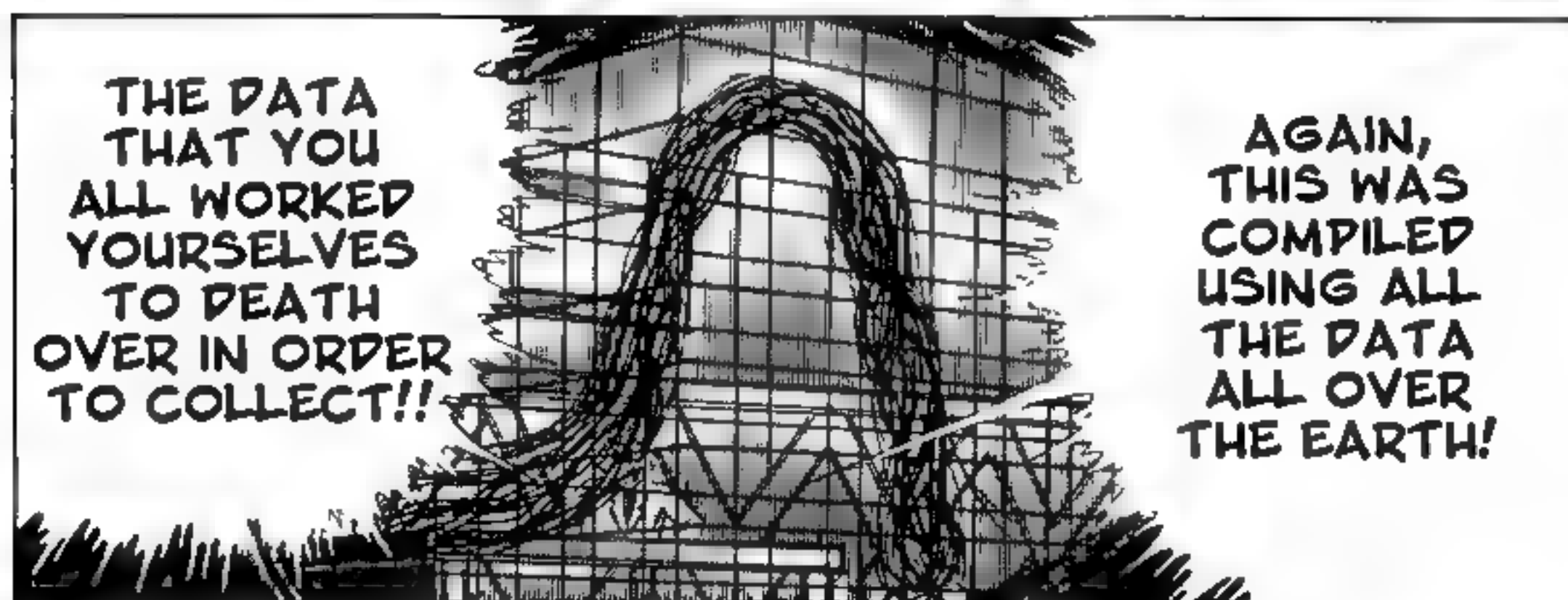


THEN
THEY ALL
PLUMMET
DOWN.



AND
NOTHING
REMAINS.







...WE WONDERED
IF THERE WAS ANY
OTHER POSSIBLE
OUTCOME,
SO WE TRIED
CALCULATING FOR
ANY OTHER KIND
OF POSSIBILITY.



BY THE EARTH ENDING,
DO YOU MEAN THAT
THE ENVIRONMENT WILL
BE COMPLETELY
DESTROYED?!



EXACTLY
!!



HOWEVER,
WE COULD
FIND NO
ALTER-
NATIVE...



I DON'T KNOW
THE TRUTH OF THINGS,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
THE ENVIRONMENT
WILL ALL BE
CONVERTED TO
SOMETHING ELSE
NOT FIT FOR HUMANS
TO LIVE ON.



EHHH
!?



AS
A RESULT,
AT THIS
MEETING
I WOULD
LIKE TO
PROPOSE
AN ESCAPE
TO OUTER
SPACE!!



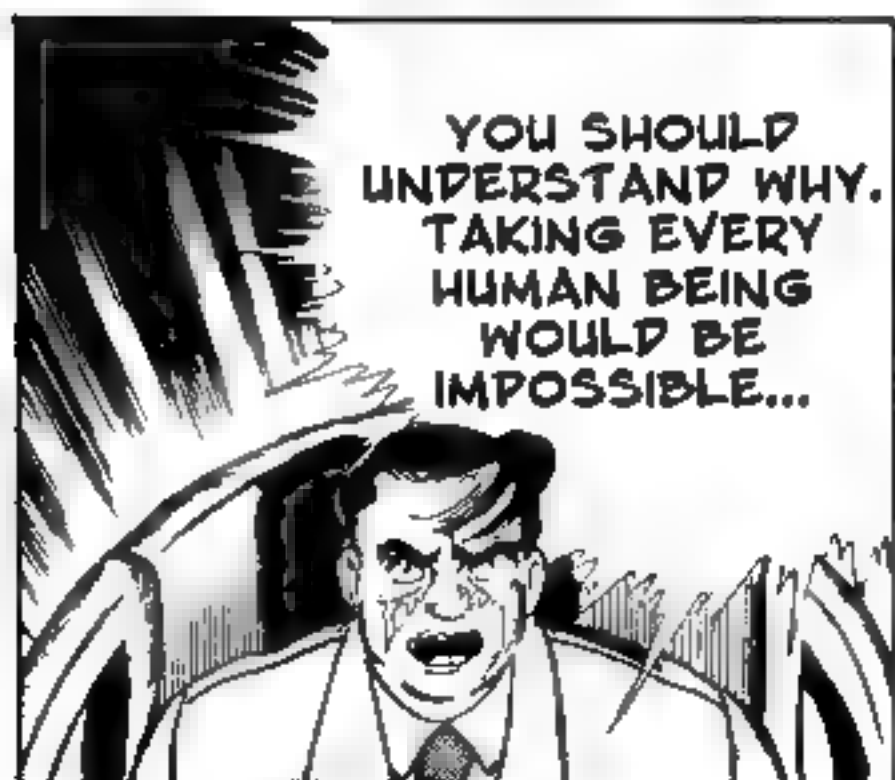
BUT ONLY
FOR THE
CHILDREN!



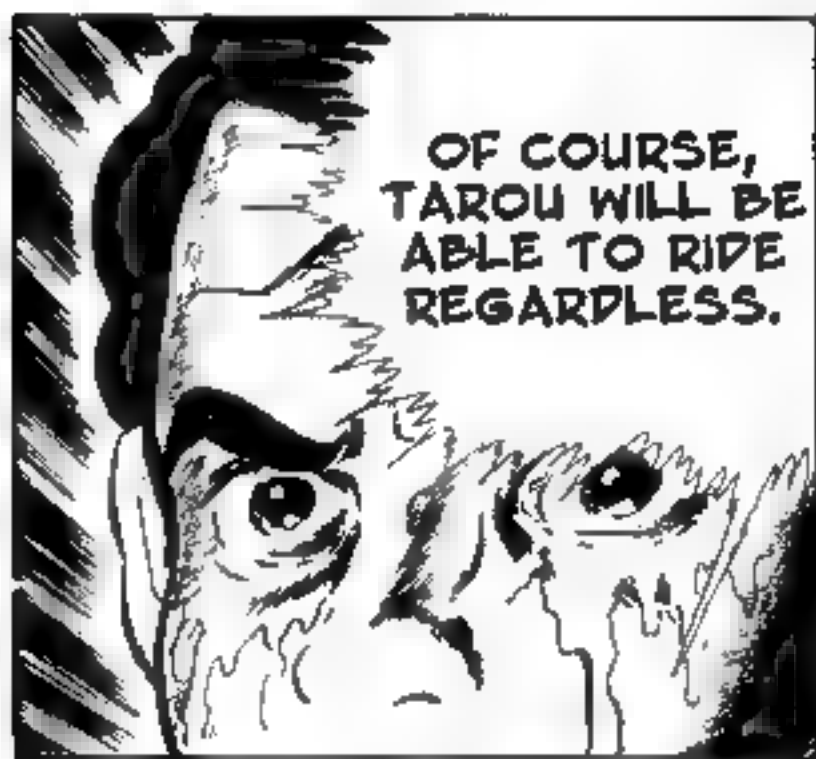
TO
OUTER
SPACE
?!




RIGHTS




CHOOSING CHILDREN





THE PROBLEM IS
HOW TO GO ABOUT
DOING THIS WITHOUT
LETTING THE WORLD
KNOW!!



THAT'S RIGHT,
NO MATTER HOW WE
TRY TO EXPLAIN IT,
THERE'S NO WAY
EVERYONE WOULD
UNDERSTAND.



DIDN'T
PRESIDENT
YOUNG
HAVE ANY
RESPONSE
TO THAT?

AND THE
PARENTS OF
CHILDREN
WHO ARE NOT
SELECTED
WOULD NOT
FORGIVE IT.



HE MADE
A BITTER
EXPRESSION
FROM START
TO FINISH,
BUT NEVER
OBJECTED
TO ANYTHING.
IT'S UNDER-
STANDABLE,
HAVING BEEN
CORNERED
LIKE THIS.



AND SO,
AS THE
WORST
CONFERENCE
IN ALL OF
HISTORY
CONTINUED,
AN UN-
EXPECTED
THING
HAPPENED.



REPENT-
ANCE!!



AND
THAT
WOULD
BE...?

REPENTANCE



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**I THINK IT
WAS AMERICA
WHO PUSHED
THE EARTH TO
ITS DEATH!!**



**FIRST,
WE TRAMPLED
OVER THE
CONTINENT
KNOWN AS
AMERICA!**



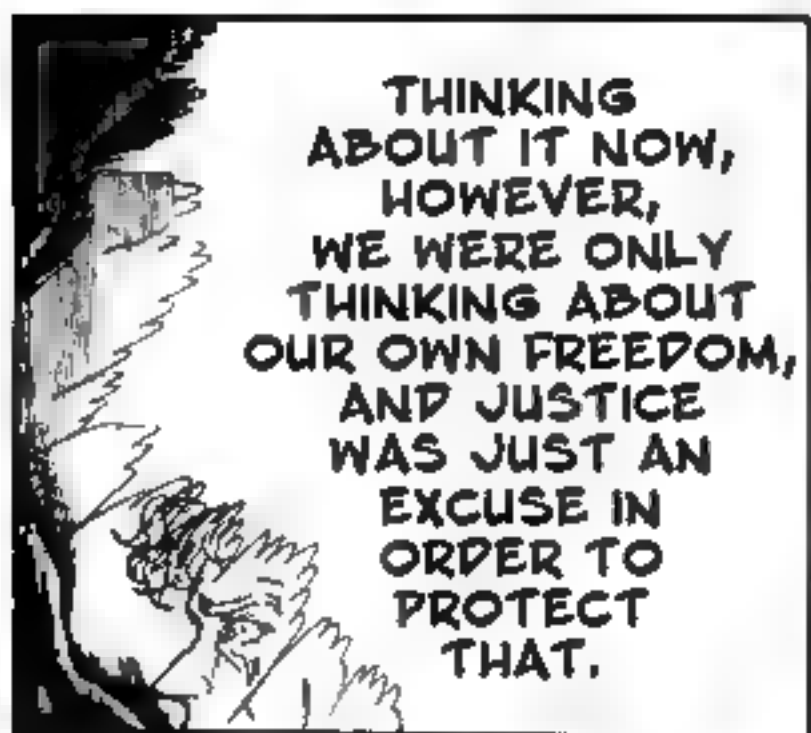
**THEN,
WE PUSHED
NUMEROUS
INDIGENOUS
SPECIES TO
EXTINCTION!!**



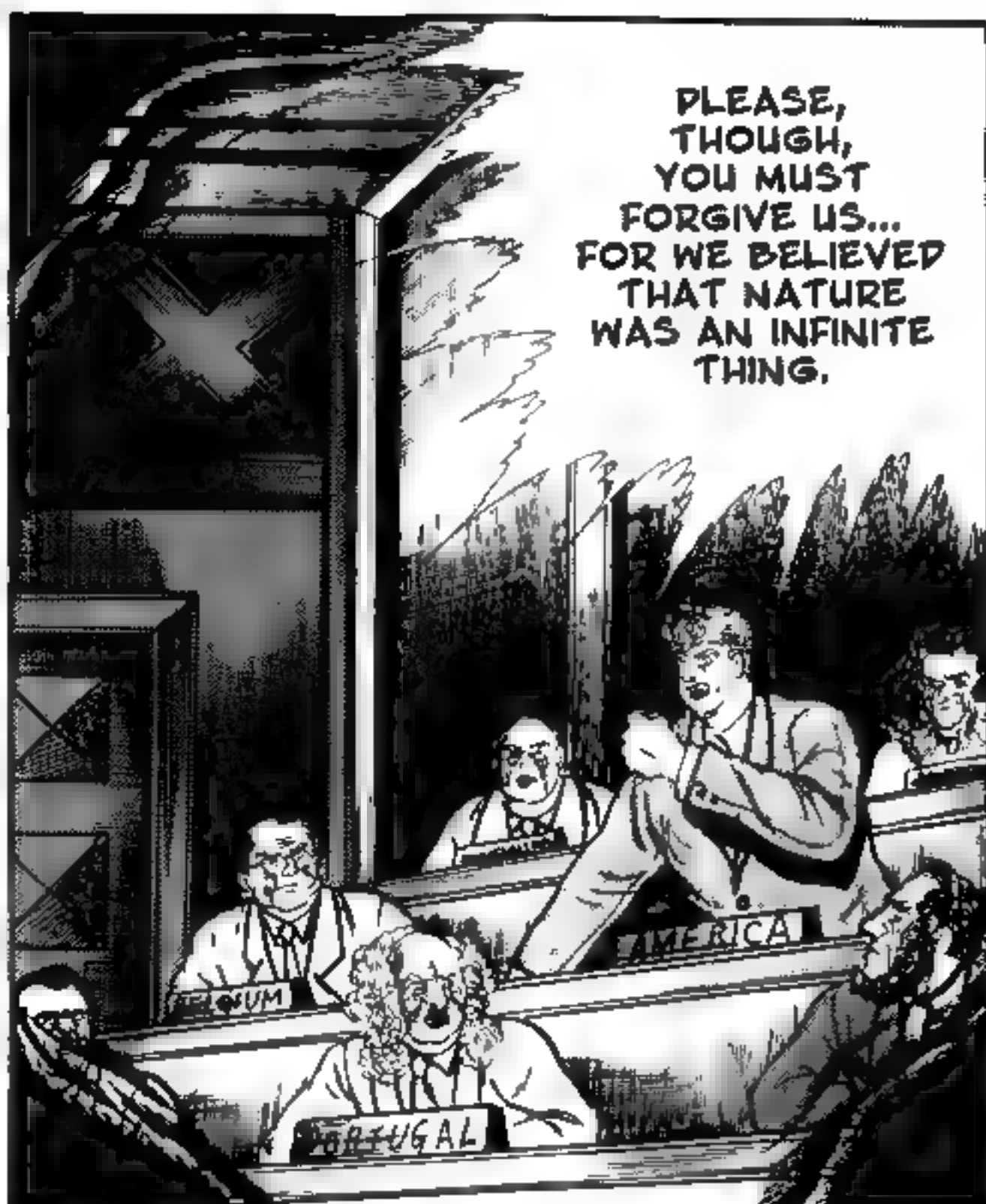
**IF WE
LOOK BACK,
AMERICA HAS
BEEN THE
SPEARHEAD OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
DESTRUCTION!**



AMERICA
HAS CHARGED
FORWARD IN
THE NAME OF
FREEDOM AND
JUSTICE.



THINKING
ABOUT IT NOW,
HOWEVER,
WE WERE ONLY
THINKING ABOUT
OUR OWN FREEDOM,
AND JUSTICE
WAS JUST AN
EXCUSE IN
ORDER TO
PROTECT
THAT.



PLEASE,
THOUGH,
YOU MUST
FORGIVE US...
FOR WE BELIEVED
THAT NATURE
WAS AN INFINITE
THING.



AN ENEMY WAS
NECESSARY FOR US
TO HAVE JUSTICE!!
AND THEREFORE
WE CAUSED
PROBLEMS FOR
MANY OTHER
COUNTRIES!

WHEN WE DROPPED
THE BOMBS ON
NAGASAKI AND HIROSHIMA,
OUR INTELLIGENCE
CALLED THOSE PLACES
THE MODERN SOPOM
AND GOMORRAH,
AND DIDN'T SHOW
THE LEAST BIT OF
REGRET.

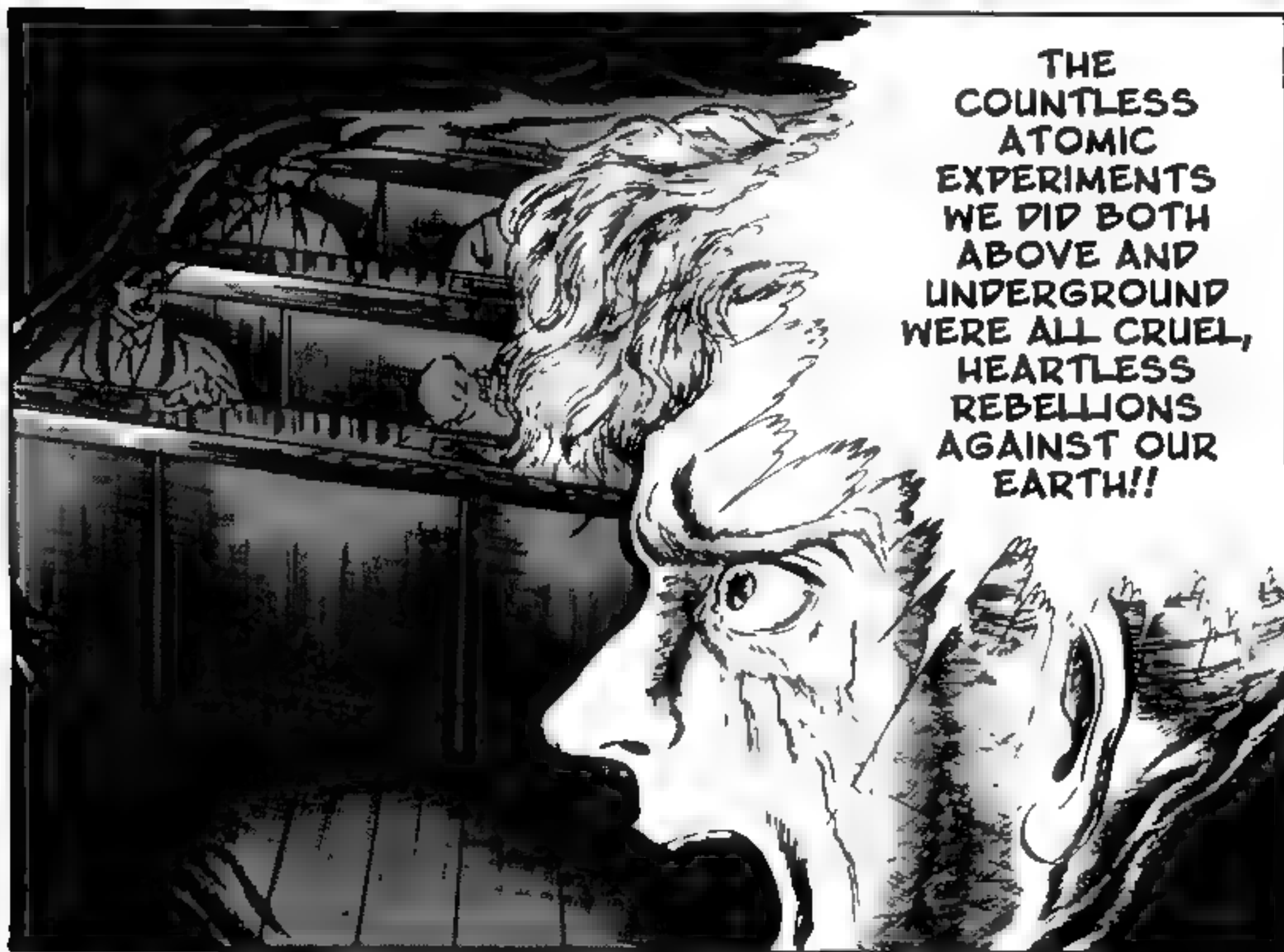
OUR ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE SACRIFICES
REMAINED THE SAME,
BUT WAS NOW
COUPLED WITH AN
UTTER IGNORANCE OF
THE EFFECT THE
ATOMIC CALAMITY HAD
TO THE ENTIRE EARTH -
- THE EPITOME OF
STUPIDITY AND
HUBRIS!!

AMERICA ALWAYS
HAD TO BE #1
IN THE WORLD.
WE'RE THE FIRST
ONES WHO USED
THE ATOMIC BOMB!

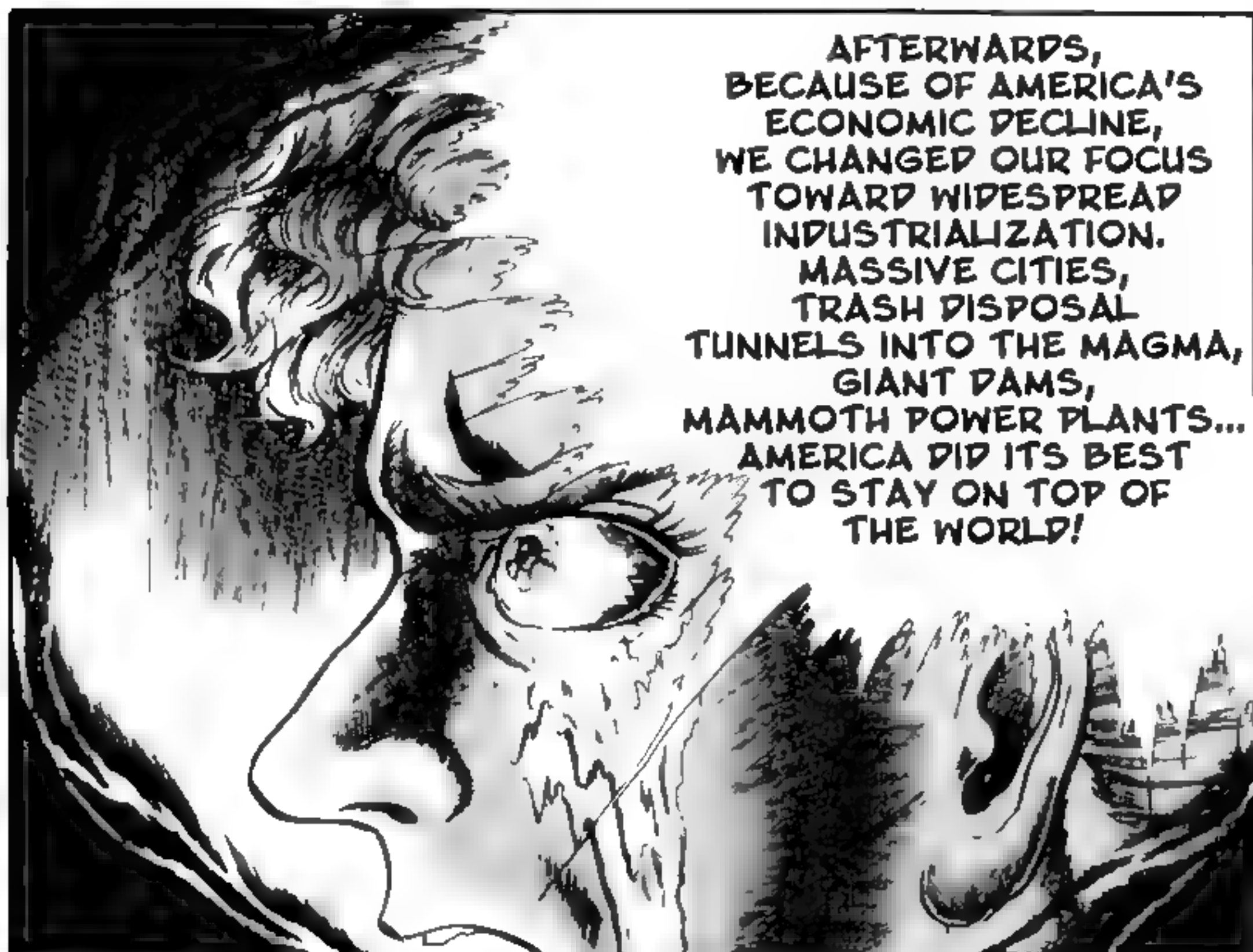
AND NOW,
WE FINALLY
REALIZE THAT
IT WAS ALL
CONNECTED
TO THE ONE AND
ONLY PLANET
WE LIVE ON,
OUR MOTHER
EARTH!



HOW MANY TIMES
HAVE WE HURT
OUR MOTHER UP
UNTIL THIS POINT?!



THE
COUNTLESS
ATOMIC
EXPERIMENTS
WE DID BOTH
ABOVE AND
UNDERGROUND
WERE ALL CRUEL,
HEARTLESS
REBELLIONS
AGAINST OUR
EARTH!!



AFTERWARDS,
BECAUSE OF AMERICA'S
ECONOMIC DECLINE,
WE CHANGED OUR FOCUS
TOWARD WIDESPREAD
INDUSTRIALIZATION.
MASSIVE CITIES,
TRASH DISPOSAL
TUNNELS INTO THE MAGMA,
GIANT DAMS,
MAMMOTH POWER PLANTS...
AMERICA DID ITS BEST
TO STAY ON TOP OF
THE WORLD!



AND IT
RAN THE
EARTH
INTO THE
GROUND!!



EUROPE
CAST AWAY
ALL WHO
DIDN'T
BELONG TO
ITS UPPER-
CLASS
SOCIETY TO
AMERICA!



WE WERE THE FIRST
TO STAIN THE EARTH
WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT
OF FACTORIES.
AND ALL THE WHILE,
WE BELIEVED WE WERE
THE WISEST ONES ON
THE PLANET!



NO!!
THIS IS
EUROPE'S
FAULT!!



IF YOU LOOK AROUND,
YOU'LL SPOT NOT ONE
MOUNTAIN IN ALL OF EUROPE.
WE DIDN'T NOTICE!!
WE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT
ALL THE AIR WE WERE
BREATHING FOR FREE WAS
BEING CREATED IN THE
OTHER PLACES WE LOOKED
DOWN ON!



WE
CONQUERED
AS MUCH AS
WE COULD,
AND USED UP
AS MUCH AS
WE COULD!



AND I
WOULD LIKE
TO APOLOGIZE
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
MY HEART TO
AFRICA!!





**I'M
SORRY
!!**



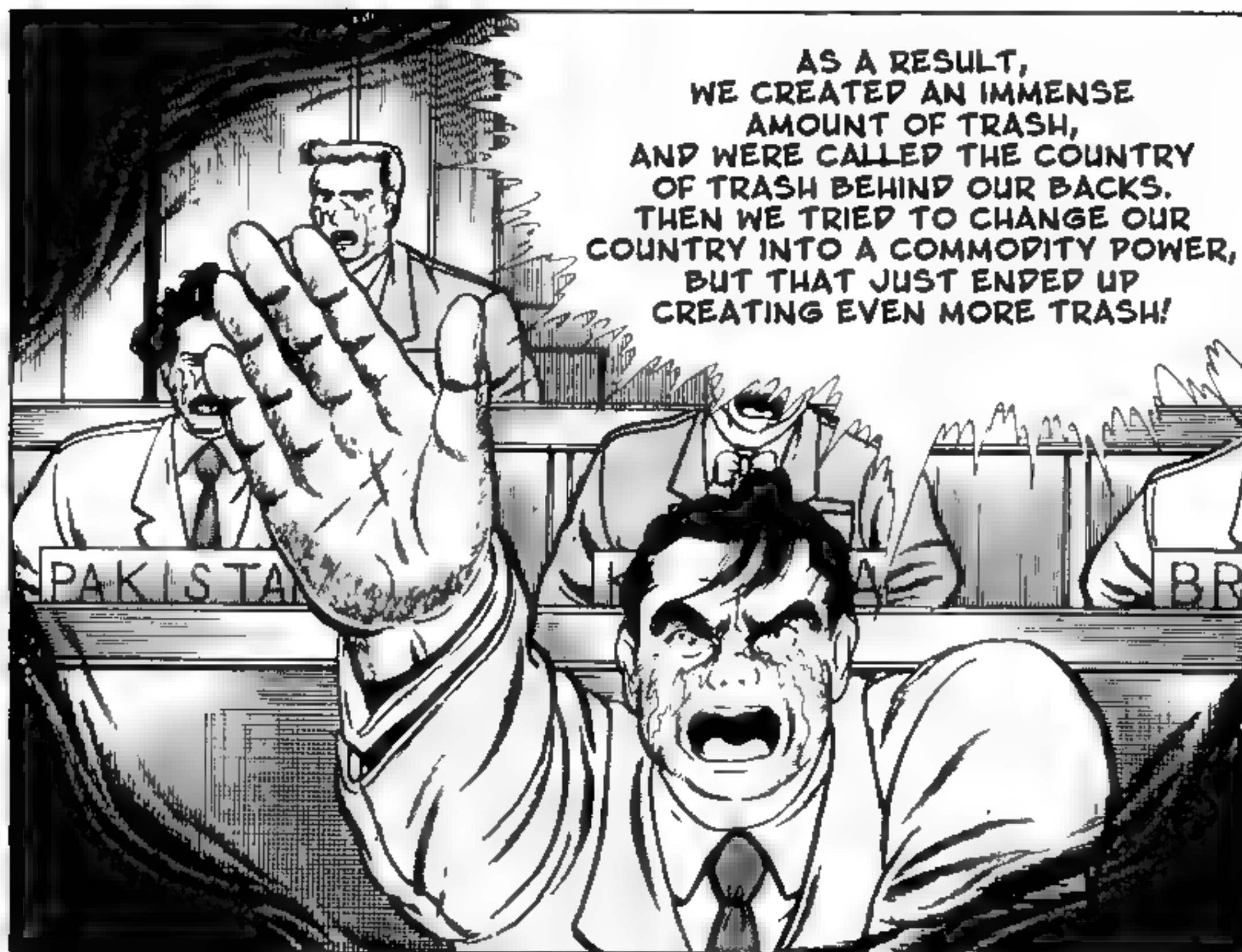
**JAPAN
IS SUCH
A SMALL
COUNTRY,
YET IT BEGAN
DEVELOPING
AN ECONOMY
AND CALLED
ITSELF AN
ECONOMIC
POWER...**



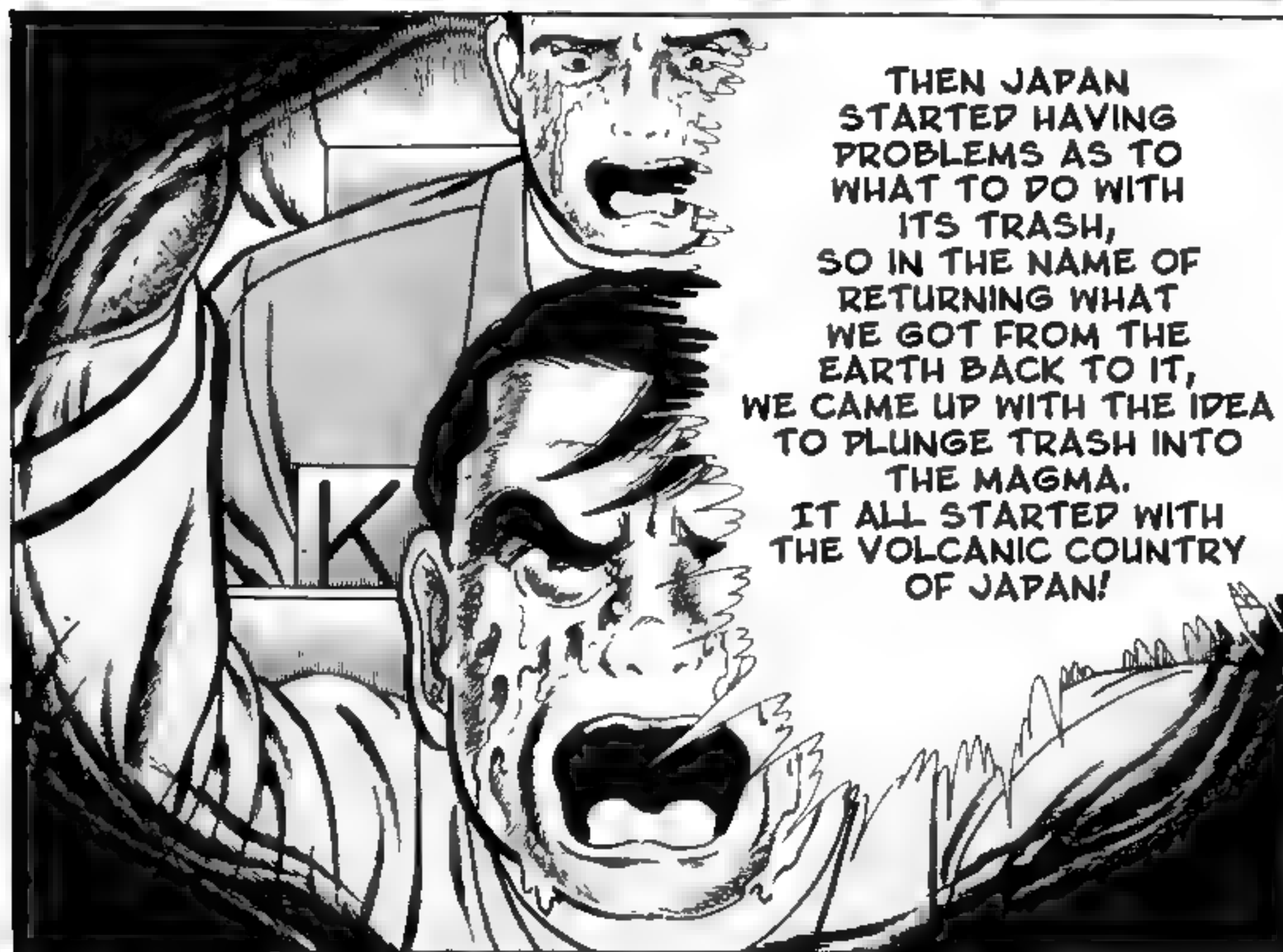
**...BUYING UP
AS MUCH
AS IT COULD,
CREATING
AS MUCH AS
IT COULD!**



**NO,
JAPAN IS
THE ONE
WHO MUST
APOLOGIZE
HERE!!**



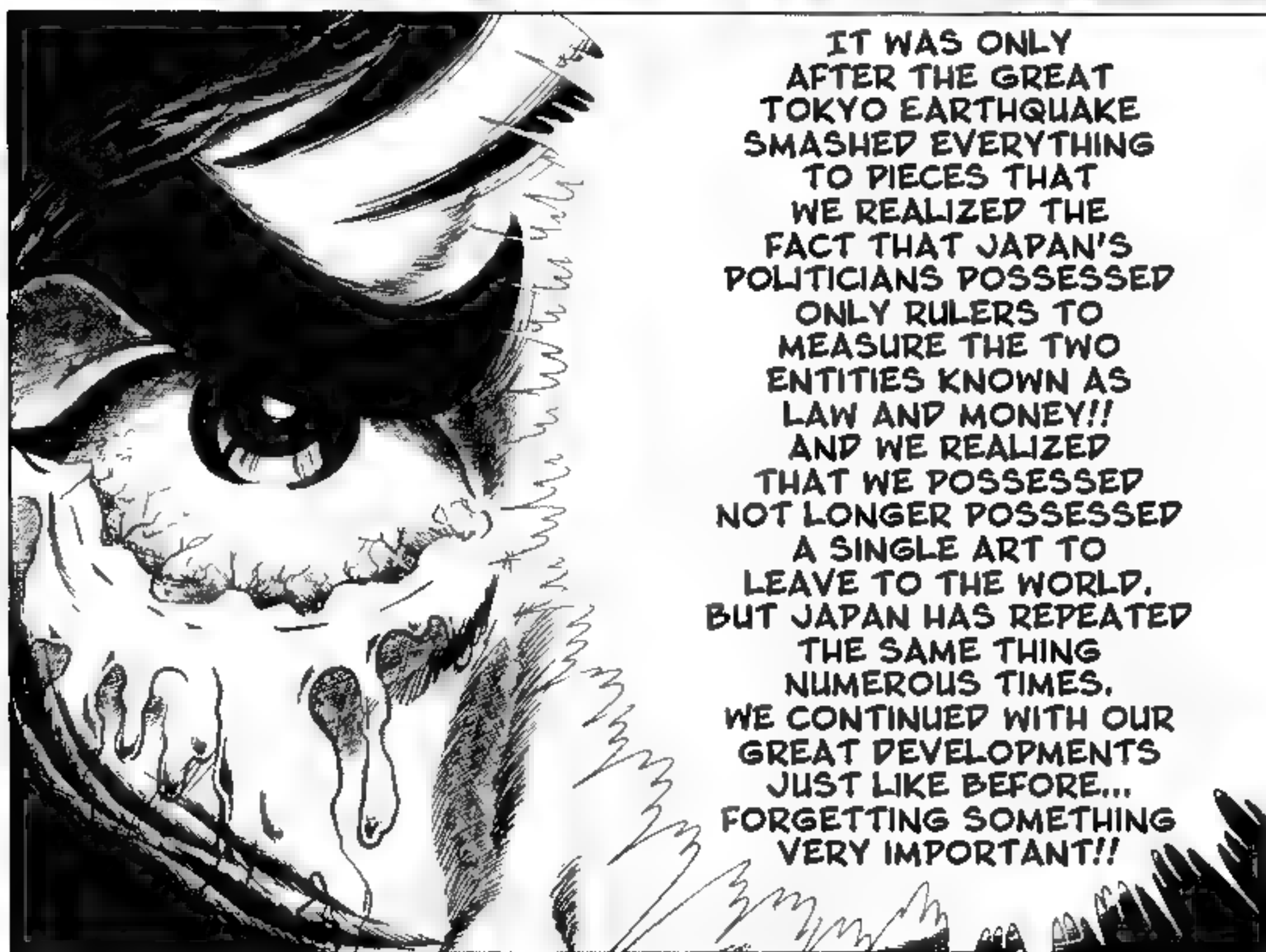
AS A RESULT,
WE CREATED AN IMMENSE
AMOUNT OF TRASH,
AND WERE CALLED THE COUNTRY
OF TRASH BEHIND OUR BACKS.
THEN WE TRIED TO CHANGE OUR
COUNTRY INTO A COMMODITY POWER,
BUT THAT JUST ENDED UP
CREATING EVEN MORE TRASH!



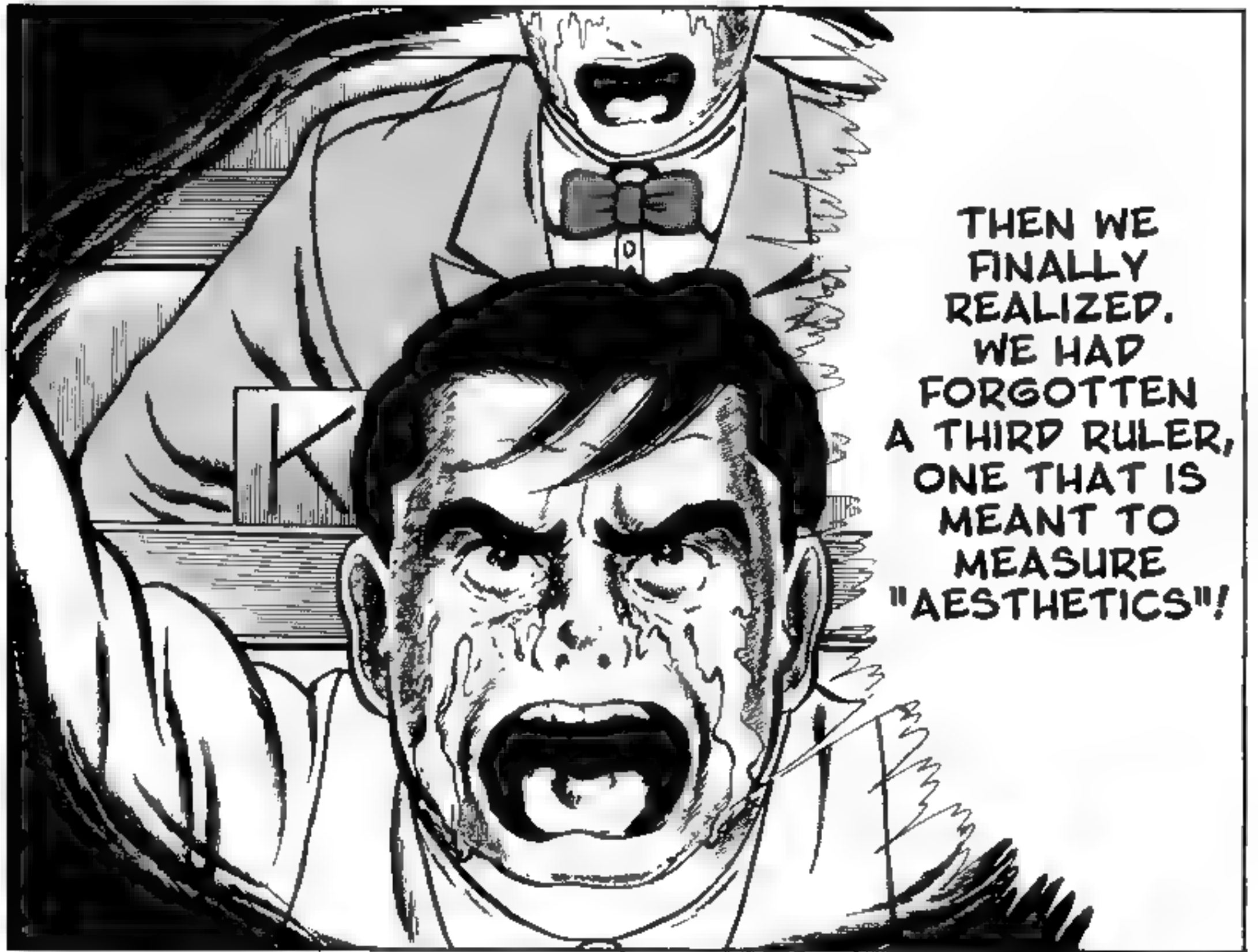
THEN JAPAN
STARTED HAVING
PROBLEMS AS TO
WHAT TO DO WITH
ITS TRASH,
SO IN THE NAME OF
RETURNING WHAT
WE GOT FROM THE
EARTH BACK TO IT,
WE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA
TO PLUNGE TRASH INTO
THE MAGMA.
IT ALL STARTED WITH
THE VOLCANIC COUNTRY
OF JAPAN!



JAPAN USED
TO BE HATED BY
THE ENTIRE WORLD!!
BUT JAPAN COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND WHY,
NO MATTER HOW
HARD WE THOUGHT!!



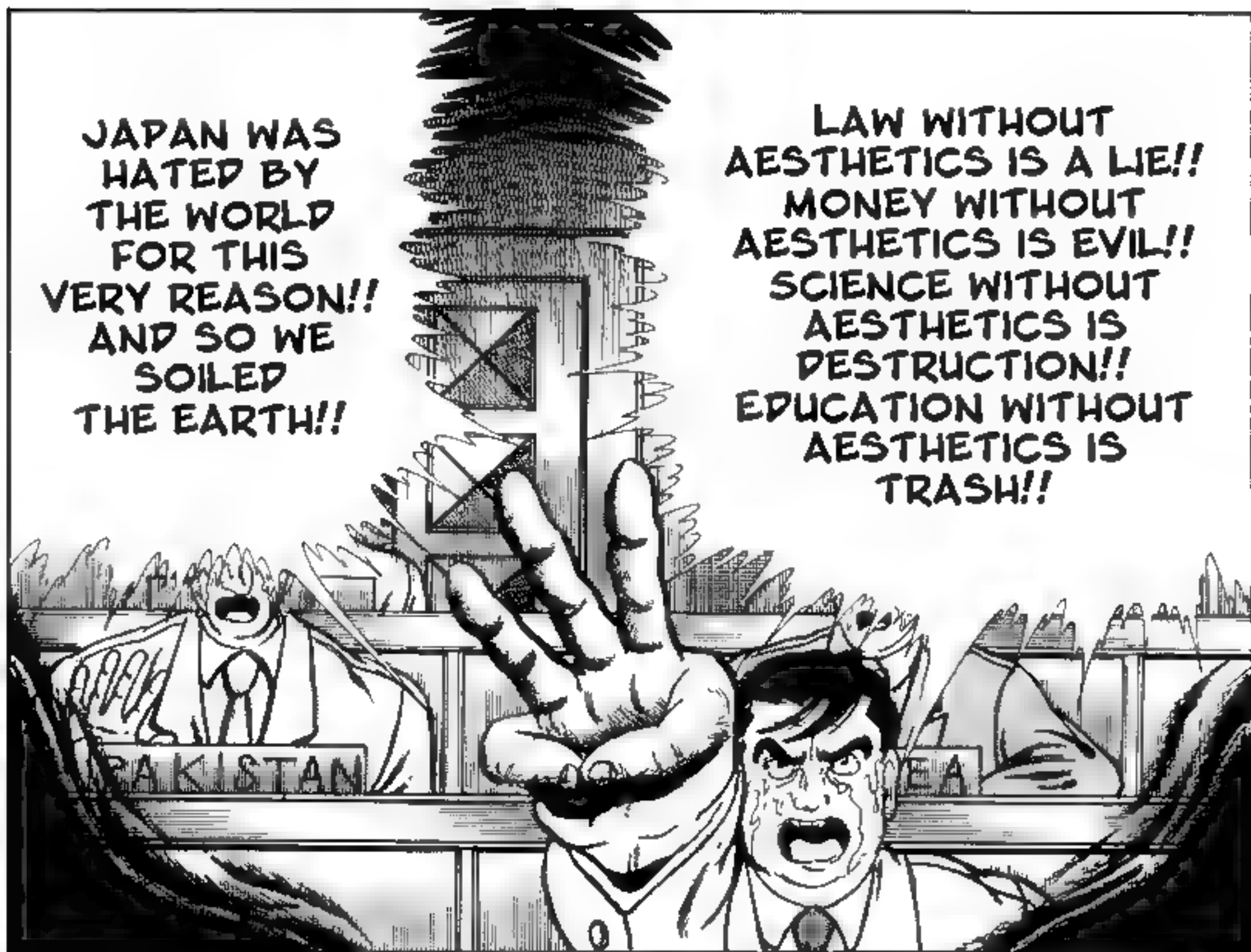
IT WAS ONLY
AFTER THE GREAT
TOKYO EARTHQUAKE
SMASHED EVERYTHING
TO PIECES THAT
WE REALIZED THE
FACT THAT JAPAN'S
POLITICIANS POSSESSED
ONLY RULERS TO
MEASURE THE TWO
ENTITIES KNOWN AS
LAW AND MONEY!!
AND WE REALIZED
THAT WE POSSESSED
NOT LONGER POSSESSED
A SINGLE ART TO
LEAVE TO THE WORLD.
BUT JAPAN HAS REPEATED
THE SAME THING
NUMEROUS TIMES.
WE CONTINUED WITH OUR
GREAT DEVELOPMENTS
JUST LIKE BEFORE...
FORGETTING SOMETHING
VERY IMPORTANT!!



THEN WE
FINALLY
REALIZED.
WE HAD
FORGOTTEN
A THIRD RULER,
ONE THAT IS
MEANT TO
MEASURE
"AESTHETICS"!

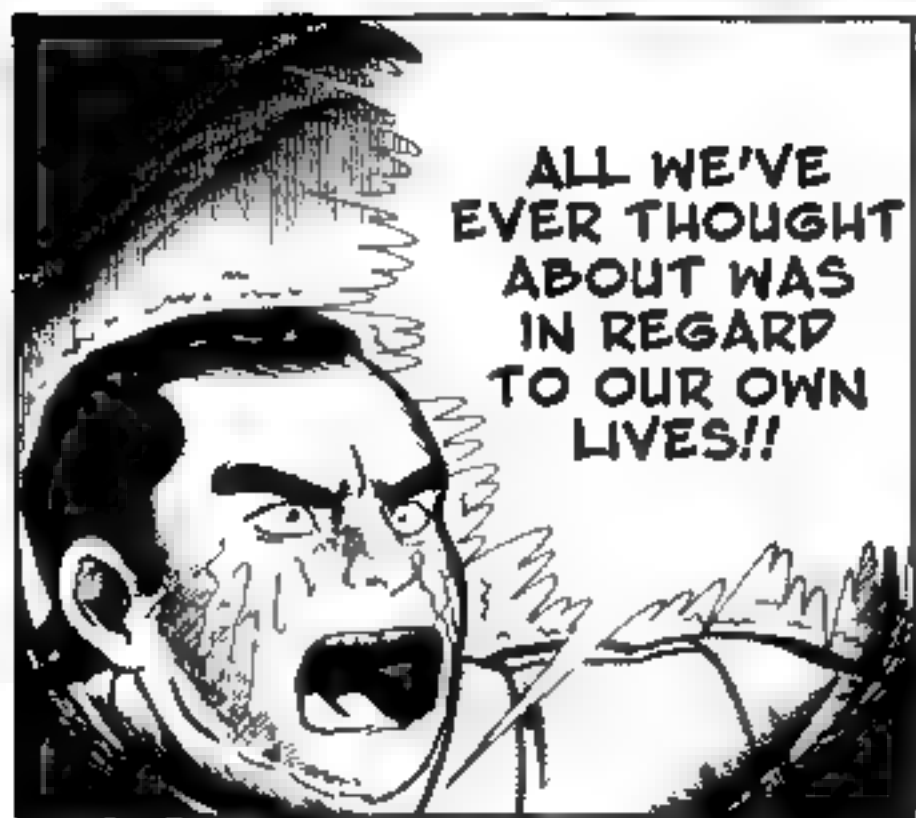


WE SHOULD
POSSESS
A RULER TO
MEASURE
AESTHETICS
ALONG WITH
LAW AND
MONEY!!



JAPAN WAS
HATED BY
THE WORLD
FOR THIS
VERY REASON!!
AND SO WE
SOILED
THE EARTH!!

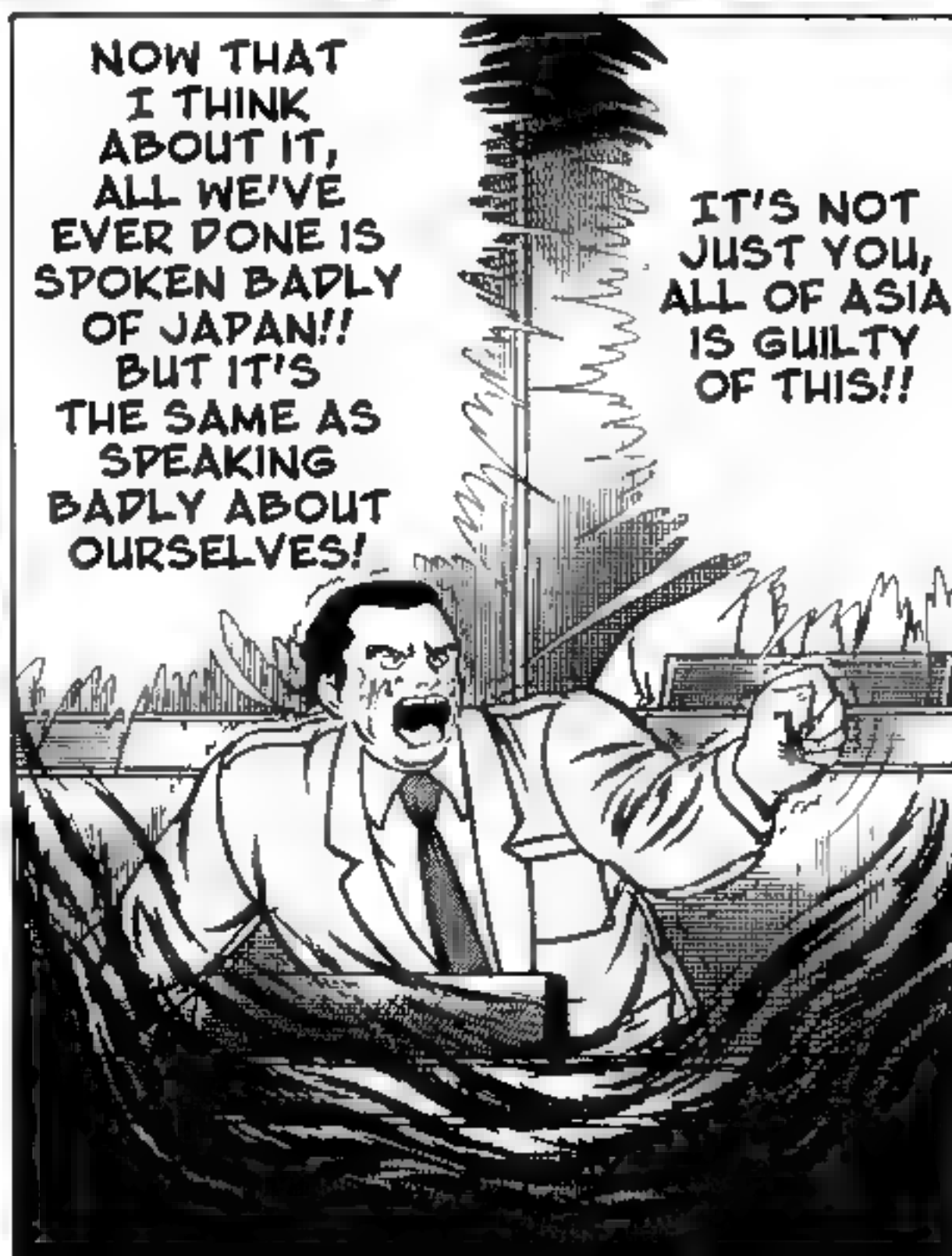
LAW WITHOUT
AESTHETICS IS A LIE!!
MONEY WITHOUT
AESTHETICS IS EVIL!!
SCIENCE WITHOUT
AESTHETICS IS
DESTRUCTION!!
EDUCATION WITHOUT
AESTHETICS IS
TRASH!!



ALL WE'VE
EVER THOUGHT
ABOUT WAS
IN REGARD
TO OUR OWN
LIVES!!



WE MAY
HAVE EVEN
FELT THAT
WORDS
ABOUT
AESTHETICS
WOULD BE
SHAMEFUL!



NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT,
ALL WE'VE
EVER DONE IS
SPOKEN BADLY
OF JAPAN!!
BUT IT'S
THE SAME AS
SPEAKING
BADLY ABOUT
OURSELVES!

IT'S NOT
JUST YOU,
ALL OF ASIA
IS GUILTY
OF THIS!!



UGLY!!
BARB-
ARIC!!

FILTHY!!
LOW
CLASS!!



THE COUNTRIES
OF THE WEST
SURELY THOUGHT
ABOUT ASIA IN
THIS WAY!!
BUT NO ONE
WOULD ACTUALLY
COME OUT AND
SAY IT!!

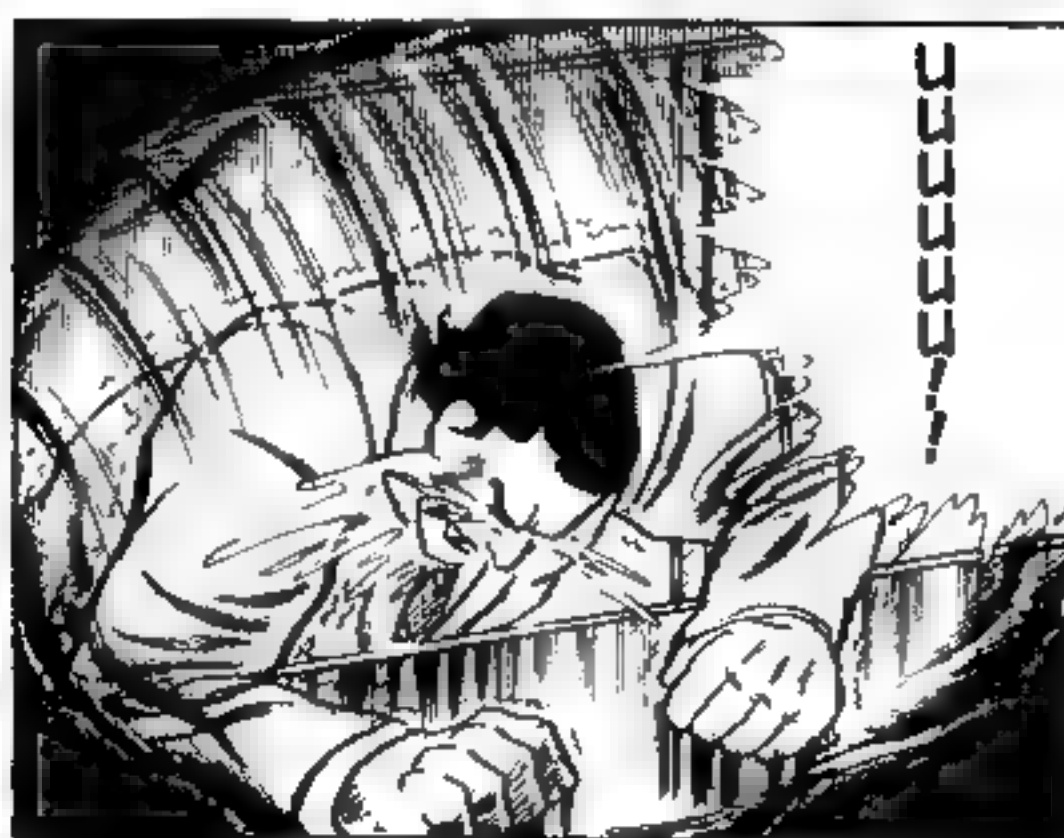


WHEN
WE WERE
ACTUALLY
THE ONES
IN THE
PERFECT
POSITION TO
DISCOVER
NEW CULTURE
AND AEST-
HETICS!!

IT WAS
ALL THE
SAME
TO US,
SO WE
DIDN'T
NOTICE
!!



BUT YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT!!



UHHH...



PLEASE
FORGIVE
WHAT I
AM ABOUT
TO SAY!

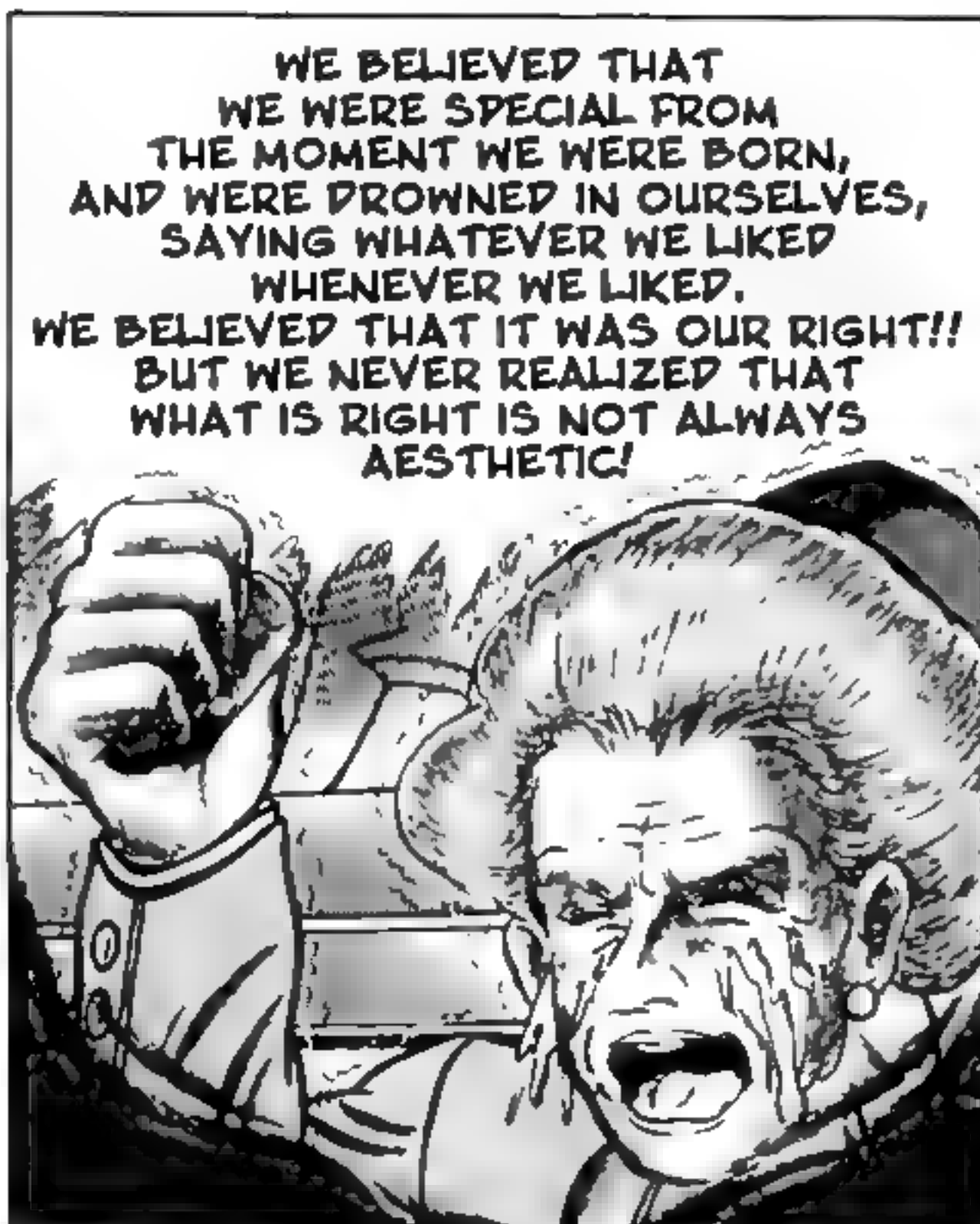
ENGLAND



IF ONLY
WE WOULD
HAVE NOTICED
SOONER...



SFX SLAM



WE BELIEVED THAT
WE WERE SPECIAL FROM
THE MOMENT WE WERE BORN,
AND WERE DROWNED IN OURSELVES,
SAYING WHATEVER WE LIKED
WHENEVER WE LIKED.
WE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS OUR RIGHT!!
BUT WE NEVER REALIZED THAT
WHAT IS RIGHT IS NOT ALWAYS
AESTHETIC!



...OUR
EARTH
MIGHT
NOT
HAVE
HAD
TO DIE
!!

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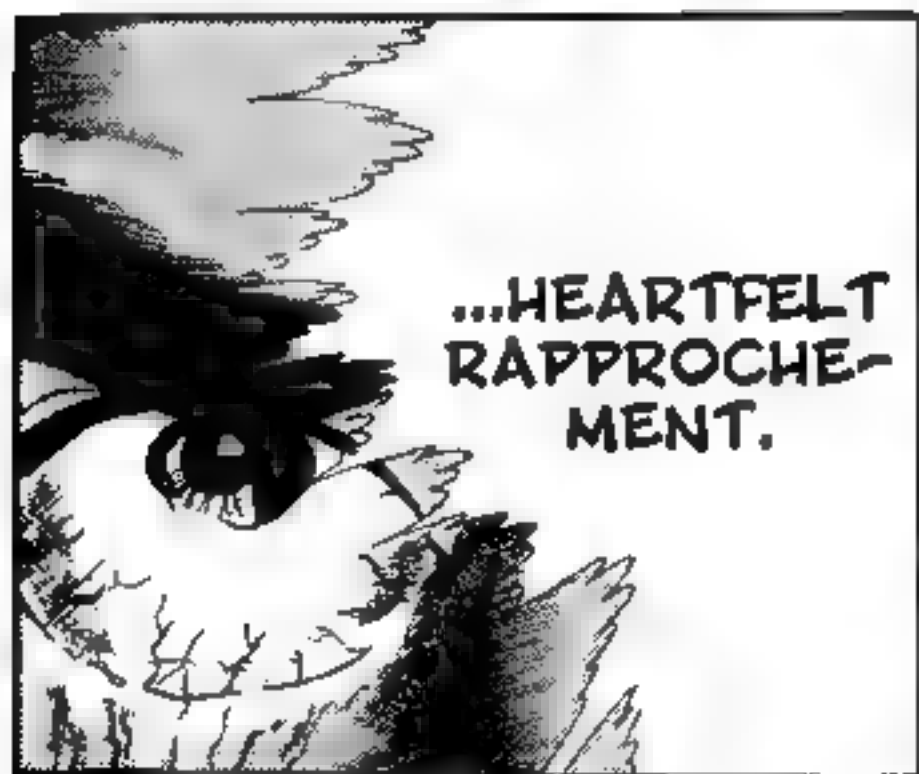




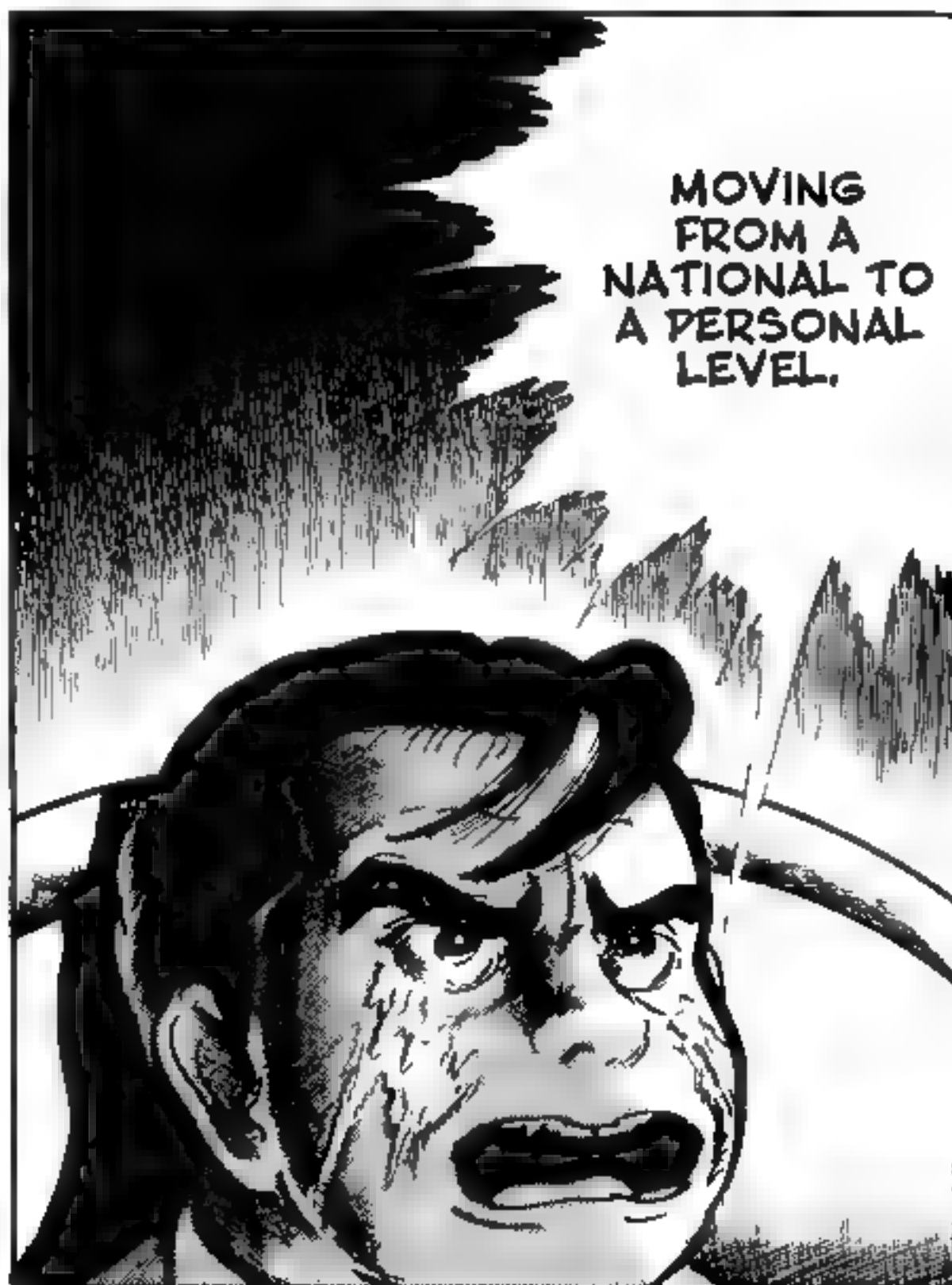
THE RE-
PENTANCE
CONTINUED
ON LIKE
THAT.



AND THEN,
FOR THE
FIRST TIME
EVER,
WE REACHED
...



...HEARTFELT
RAPPROCHE-
MENT.



MOVING
FROM A
NATIONAL TO
A PERSONAL
LEVEL.



NOW THAT WE
THINK ABOUT IT,
ALL OF OUR
TROUBLES UP
UNTIL NOW WERE
ONLY BETWEEN
PEOPLE.



THEN OUR
REPENTANCE
MOVED
TO THE
ANIMALS.



WE HUMANS
HAVE LIVED
OUR LIVES
TRAMPLING
OVER THE
ANIMAL
KINGDOM!



SFX: GULP.



Y-YOU MEAN
THE EARTH WILL
BECOME A PLACE
WHERE HUMANS
CANNOT LIVE?



THAT
IS
RIGHT.



YES.



THE ENVIRONMENT
WILL CHANGE INSTANTLY.
IT WILL BE A CHANGE
SO GREAT WE CAN'T
EVEN PREDICT HOW IT
WILL TURN OUT.





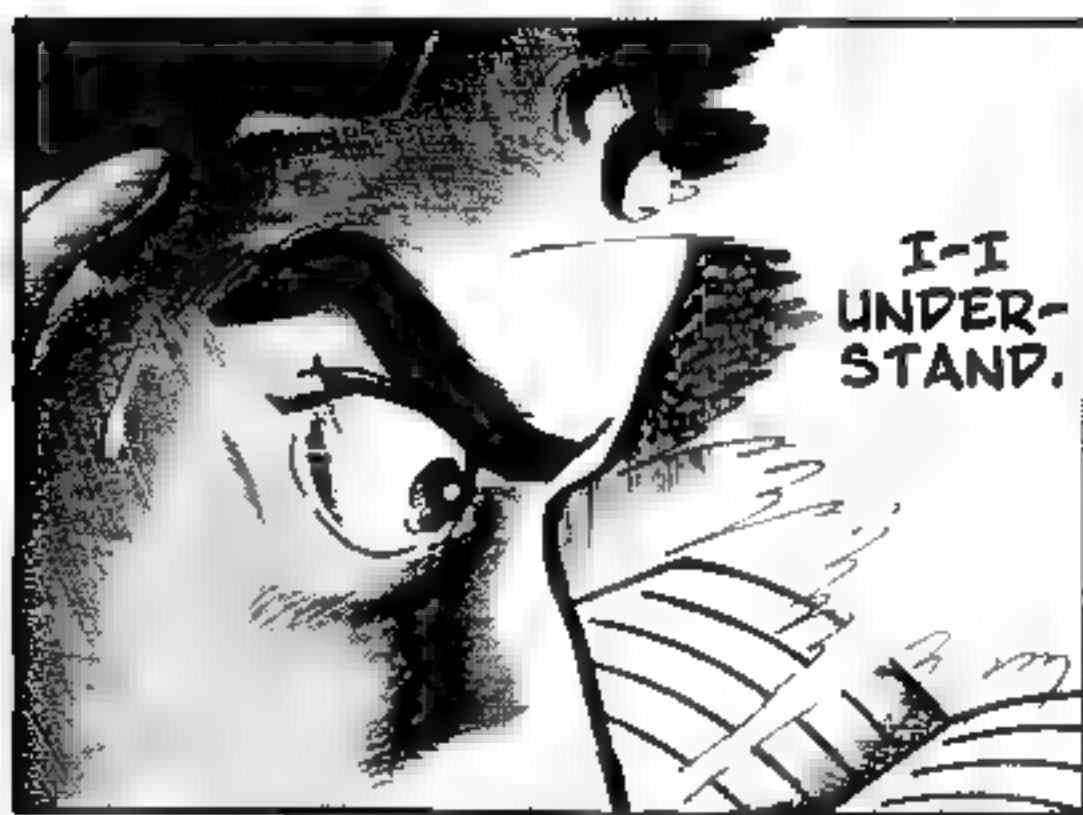
ONCE WE
GET TO
TOKYO,
WE MUST
BEGIN
WORK ON
A ROCKET,
...



...AND
CHOOSE THE
CHILDREN
WHO ARE TO
ESCAPE!!



THERE'S
HOKKAIDO.



JUST LIKE HOW
THERE ARE THREE
NECESSITIES FOR A
HUMAN SOCIETY:
LAW, ECONOMICS,
AND AESTHETICS...
WHEN WE GO TO
CHOOSE THE CHILDREN,
...



...INTELLIGENCE
AND HEALTH
ARE OBVIOUS
REQUIREMENTS,
BUT CAN YOU
GUESS WHAT THE
LAST ONE IS?



THERE
ARE
THREE!!



LUCK?!



THE
LAST ONE
IS LUCK!!



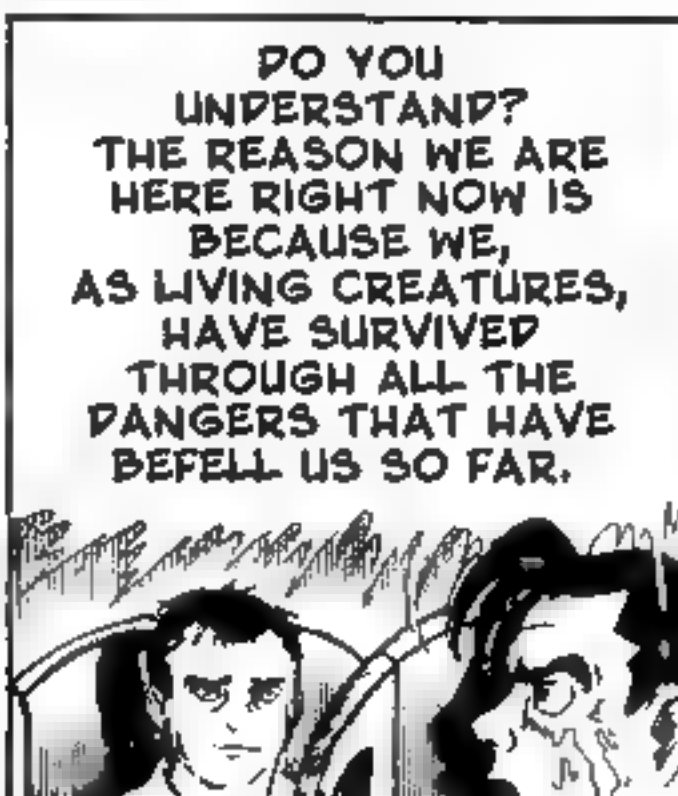
N-NO,
SIR...



THIS IS THE
SAME THING!
YOU MUST CHOOSE
CHILDREN WHO
HAVE GOOD LUCK.

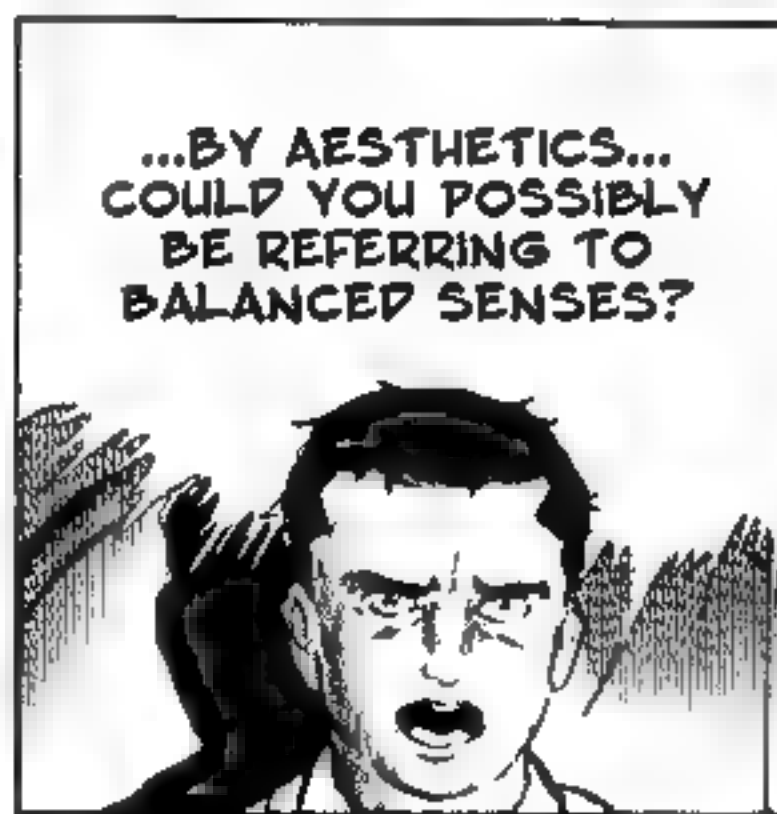


DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?
THE REASON WE ARE
HERE RIGHT NOW IS
BECAUSE WE,
AS LIVING CREATURES,
HAVE SURVIVED
THROUGH ALL THE
DANGERS THAT HAVE
BEFELL US SO FAR.



THAT'S
RIGHT.
IF SOME-
ONE
HAS BAD
LUCK,
THEN
THEY'RE
BEYOND
HELP.





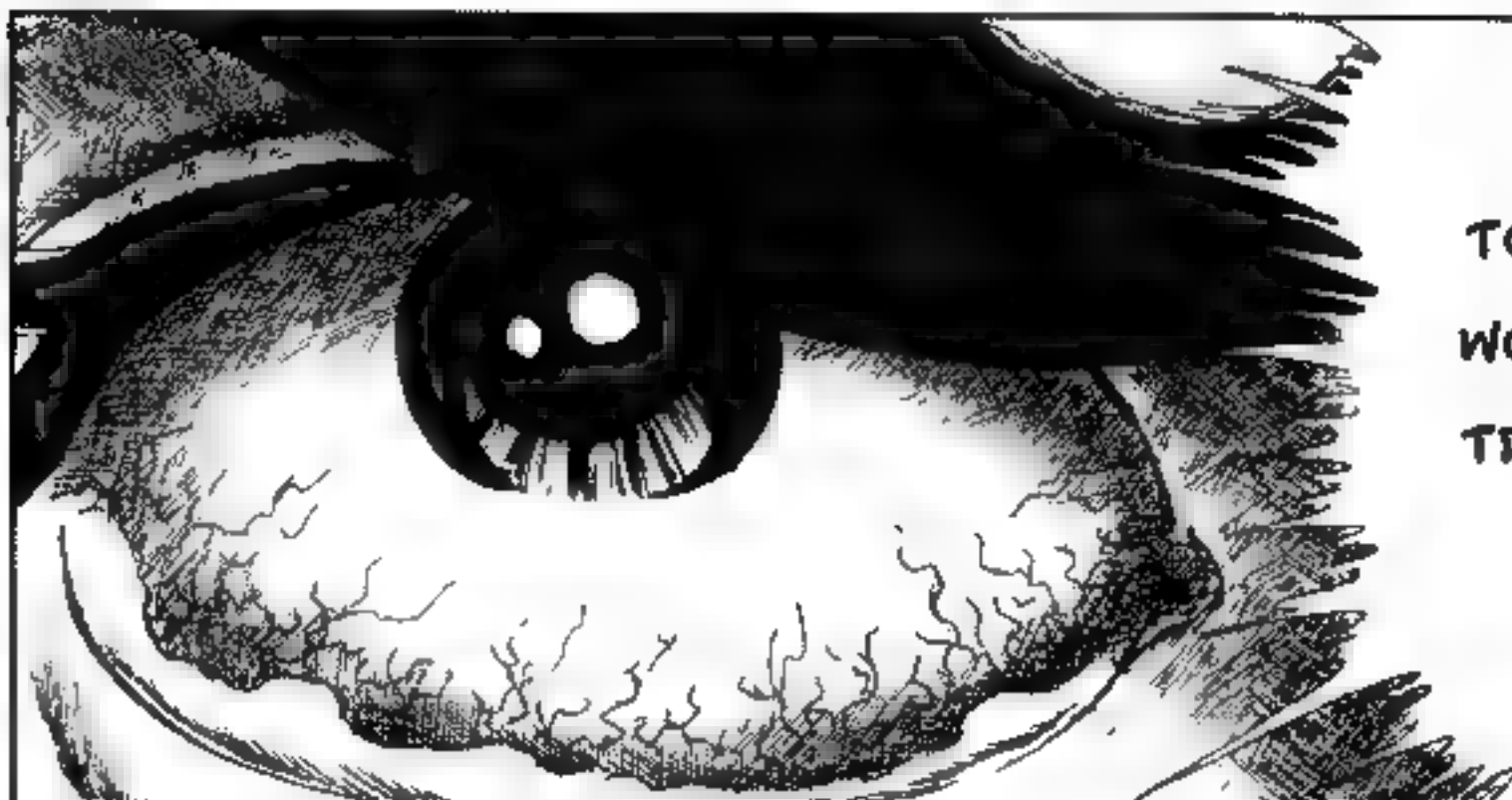
AESTHETICS



IT WAS
EINSTEIN WHO
UNEXPECTEDLY
MENTIONED
BEAUTY IN ONE
OF HIS LAST
WORDS.



WHEN I
FOUND OUT
THAT THE
SCIENTIFIC
GENIUS EINSTEIN
HAD REACHED
AESTHETICS
IN THE END
OF ALL HIS
RESEARCH,
I WAS
MOVED!!



AND I BEGAN
TO HAVE CONFIDENCE
IN THAT WORD!!
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE
THAT THIS WAS
TRULY THE GREATEST
CONTRIBUTION
THE FATHER OF
MODERN SCIENCE
MADE?



Y...YES,
SIR!!



I-IF...



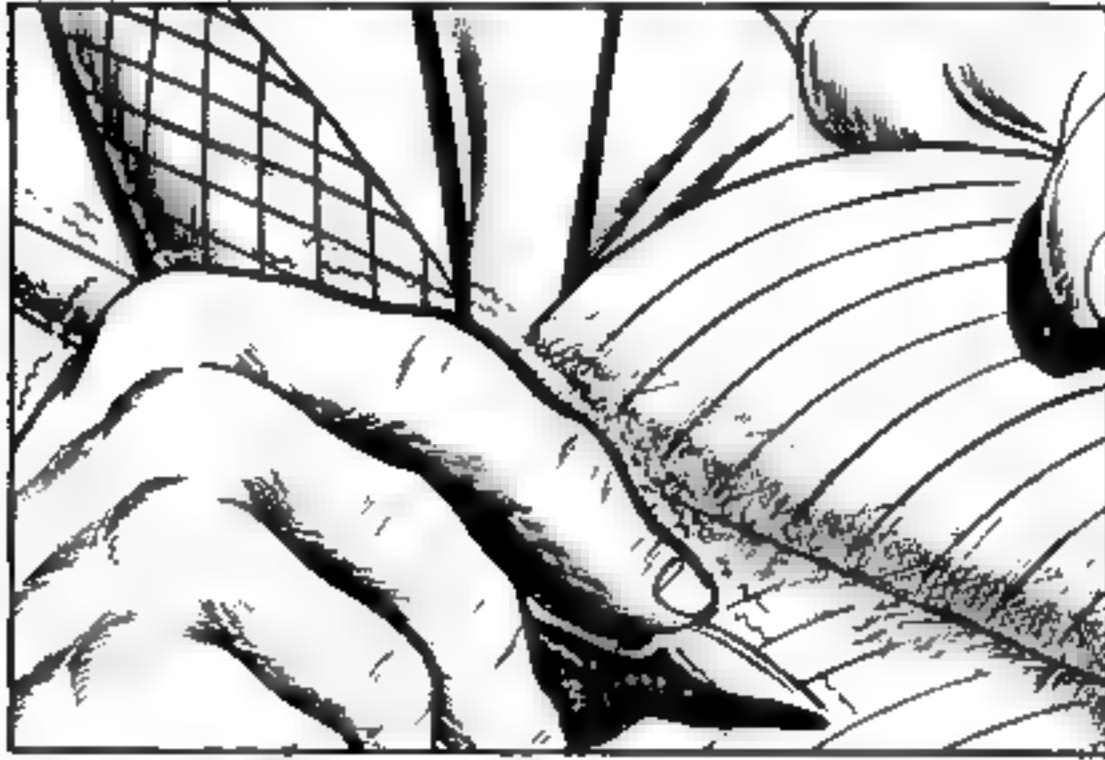
...MAYBE
THE WORLD
WOULDN'T
HAVE
TURNED OUT
THIS WAY..?



IF ALL
THE PEOPLE
IN THE
WORLD HAD
REALIZED THIS,
THEN MAYBE...



THAT'S
RIGHT!!





YOU
SEE,
...



THAT'S
RIGHT.



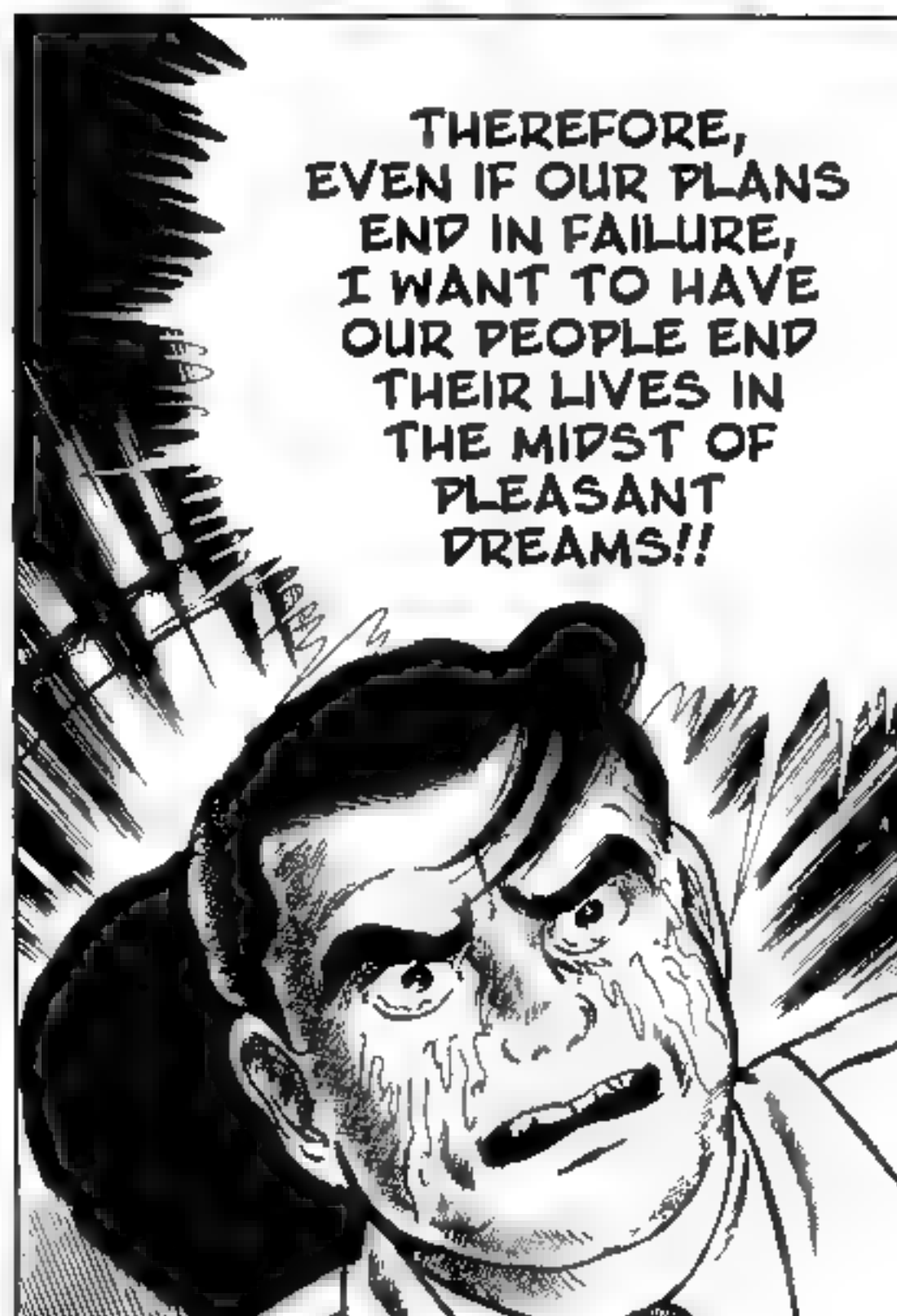
EVEN IF
WE FAIL...?!



...THERE IS
NO WAY THE
WORLD WILL
COME TO A
MUTUAL
AGREEMENT
LIKE WE ALL
HAVE!!



THESE ARE
THE WORDS OF
PRESIDENT
BROUGEN,
OF THE COUNTRY
OF MEDICINE,
GERMANY.



THEREFORE,
EVEN IF OUR PLANS
END IN FAILURE,
I WANT TO HAVE
OUR PEOPLE END
THEIR LIVES IN
THE MIDST OF
PLEASANT
DREAMS!!



OF COURSE
EVERYONE
AGREED
WITH HIM.



AND YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO IMAGINE THAT PRESIDENT YOUNG ALSO HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO AGREE. THEN, WE ALL AGREED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE A NARCOTIC CAPABLE OF ALLOWING OUR PEOPLE TO KEEP DREAMING.



WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THAT DR. CHICKEN GEORGE HAD APPEARED WITH THE PERFECT TIMING, AND THAT HIS IMMORTALITY THEORY WAS A MIRACULOUSLY PERFECT SOLUTION!!



ONCE WE DISEMBARK, BEGIN PREPARATIONS AT ONCE.



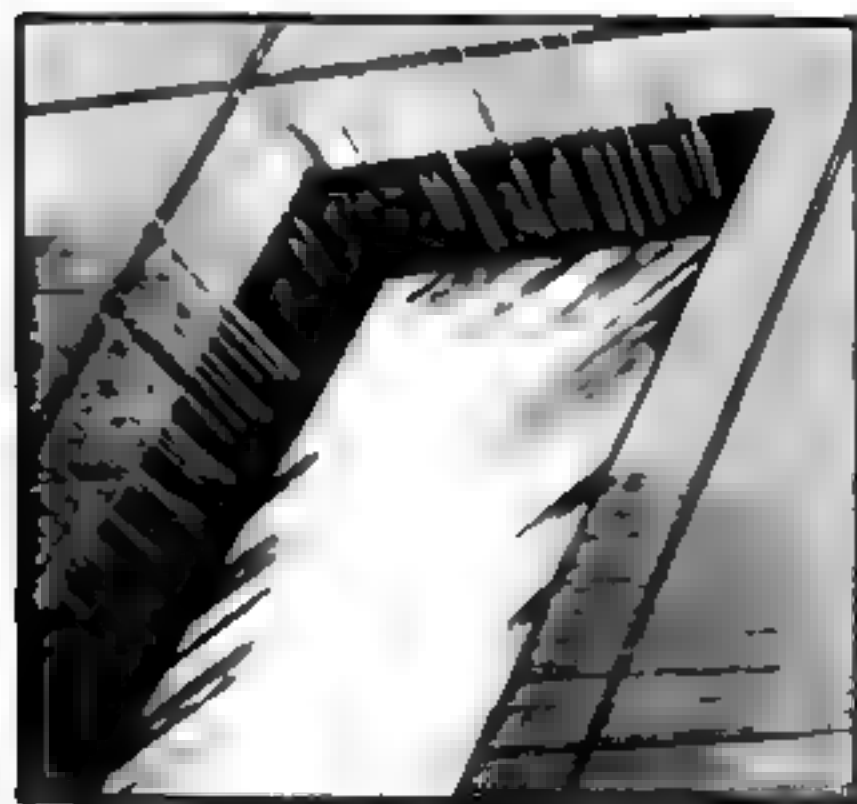
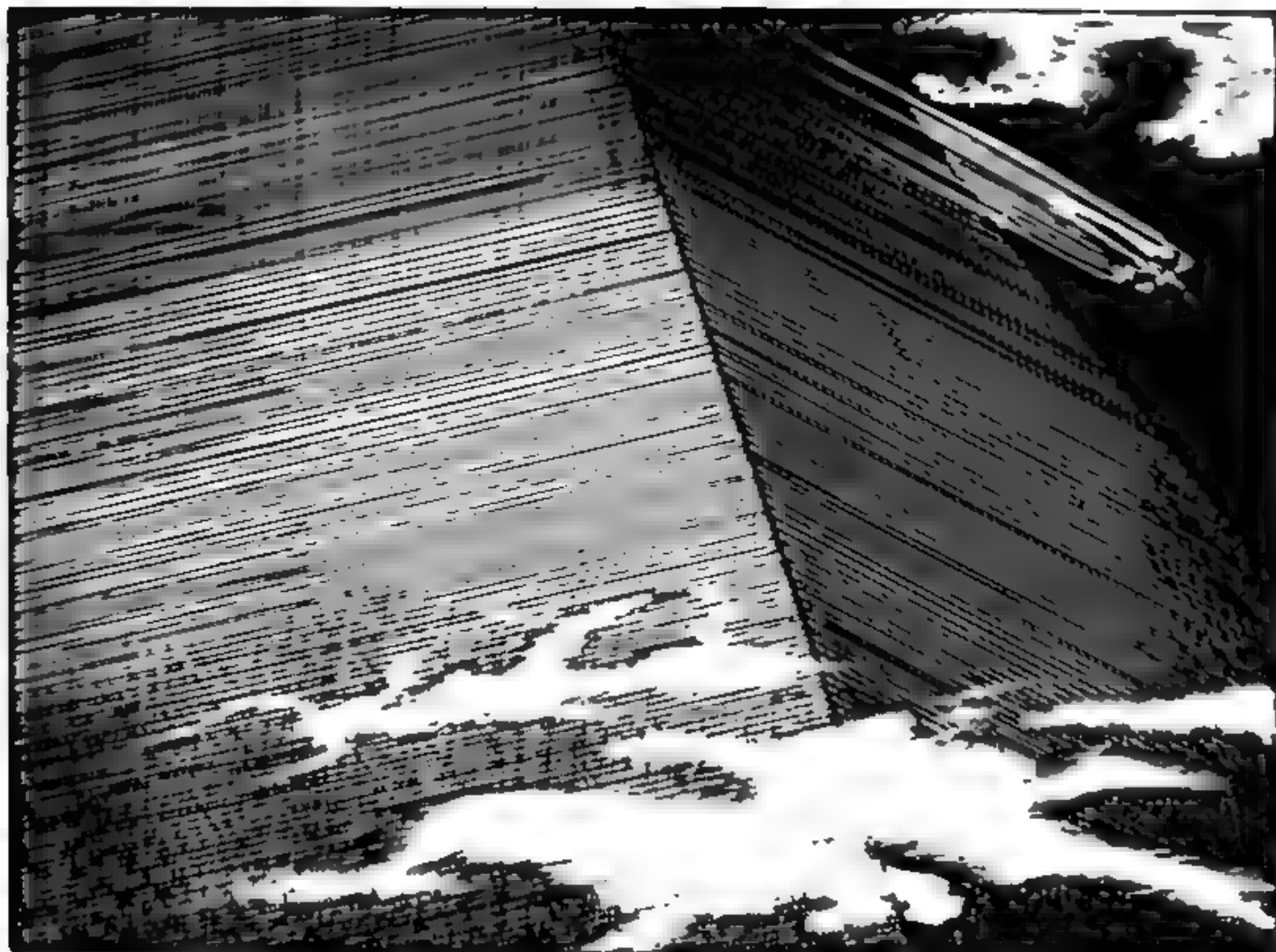
LOOK, WE CAN SEE THE TOKYO PYRAMID NOW.



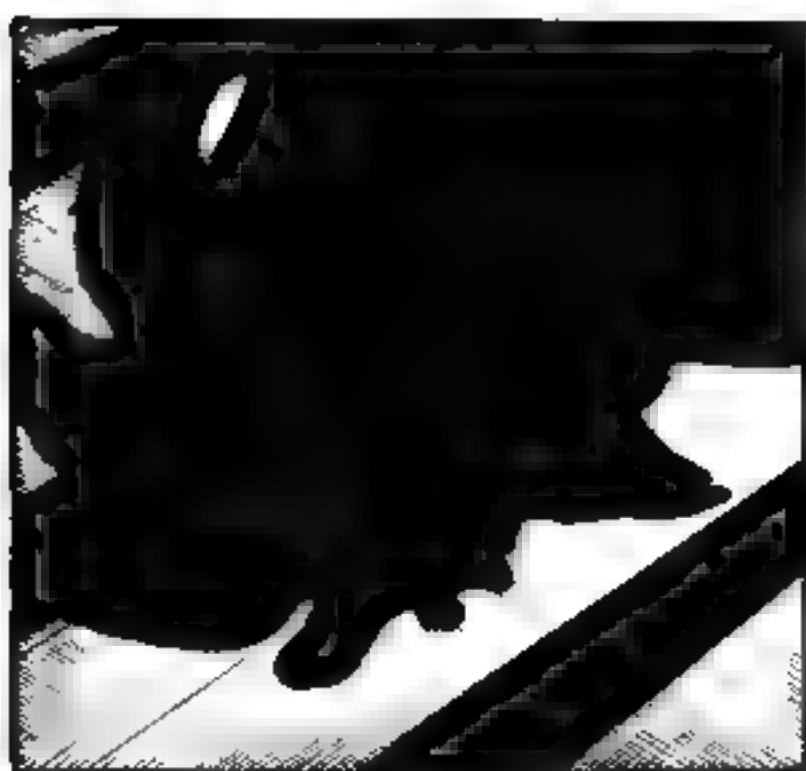
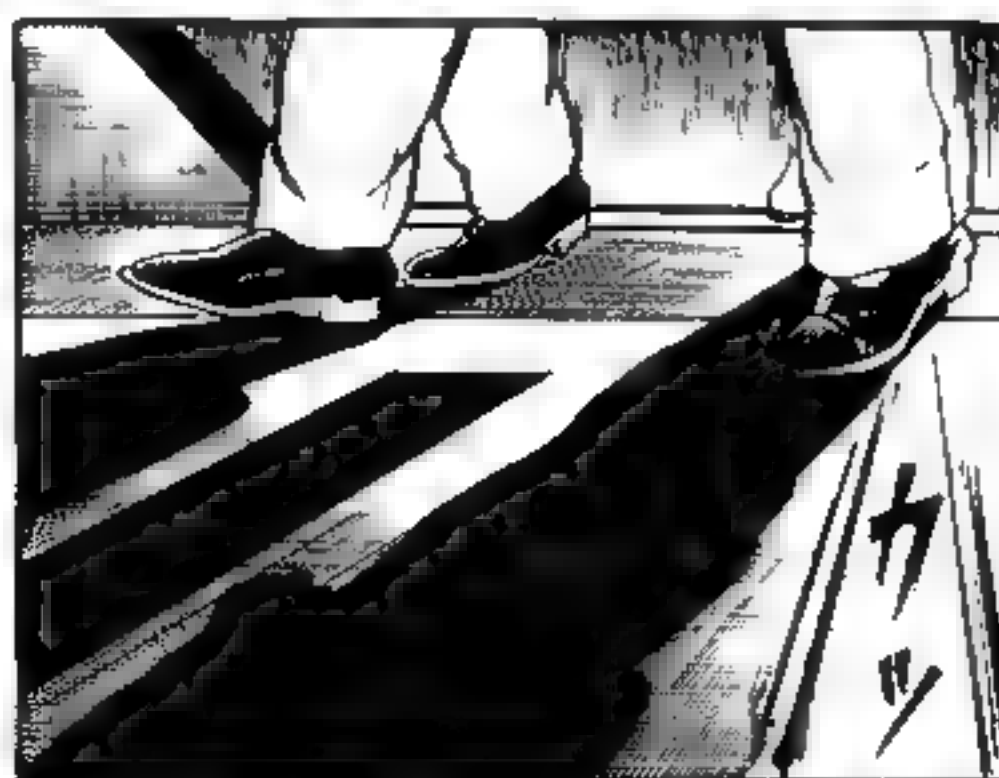
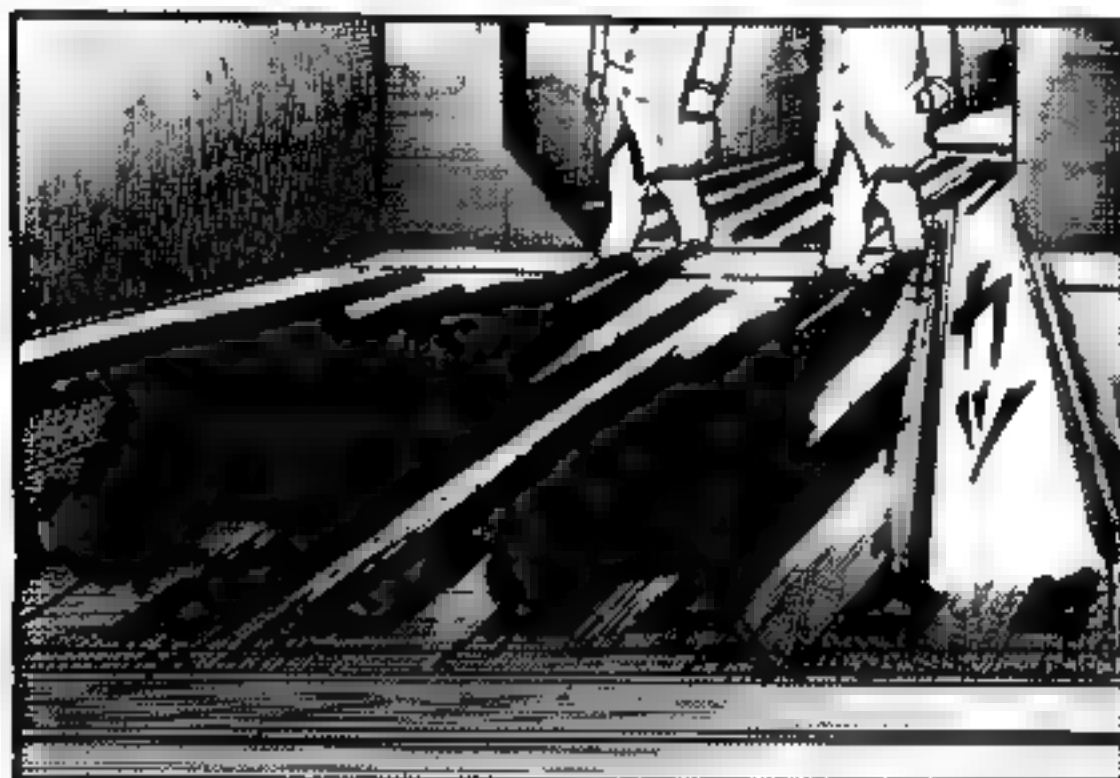


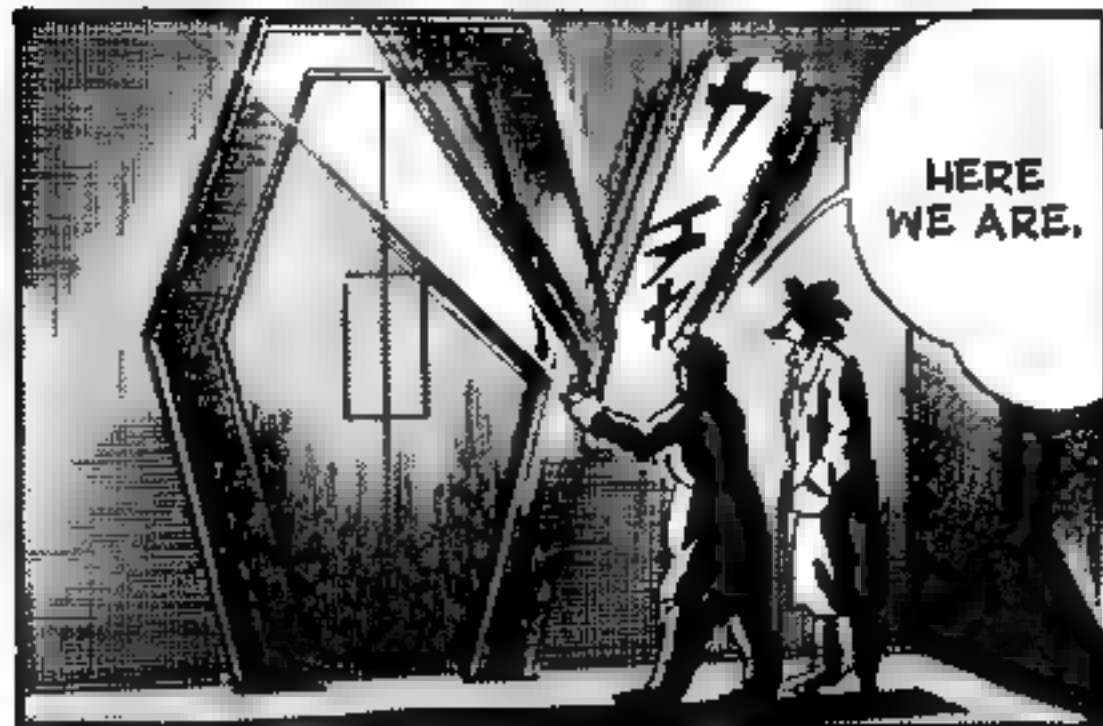
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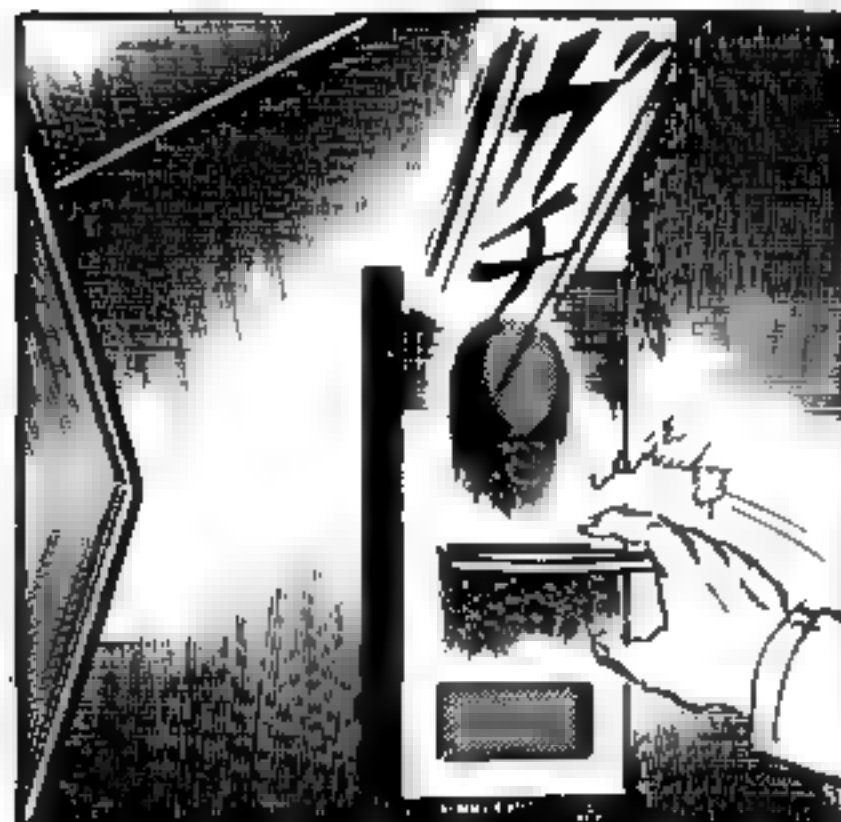


EXPERIMENTS IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT





SFX: GA-CHAK.



SFX: BCH.



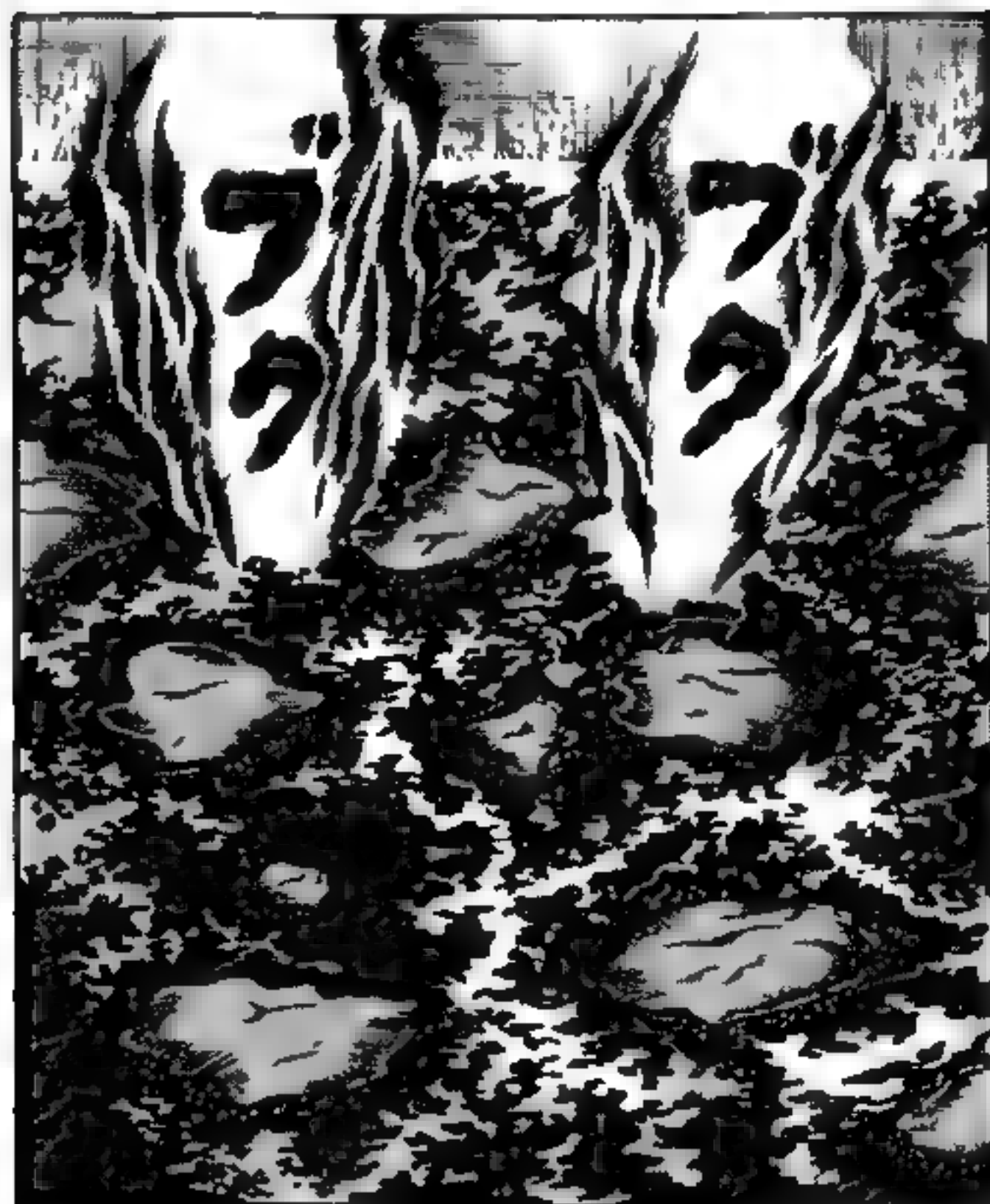
SFX: CREA AAAAK



SFX: BUBBLE BUBBLE.



SFX: BUBBLE BUBBLE.



SFX: BUBBLE BUBBLE.



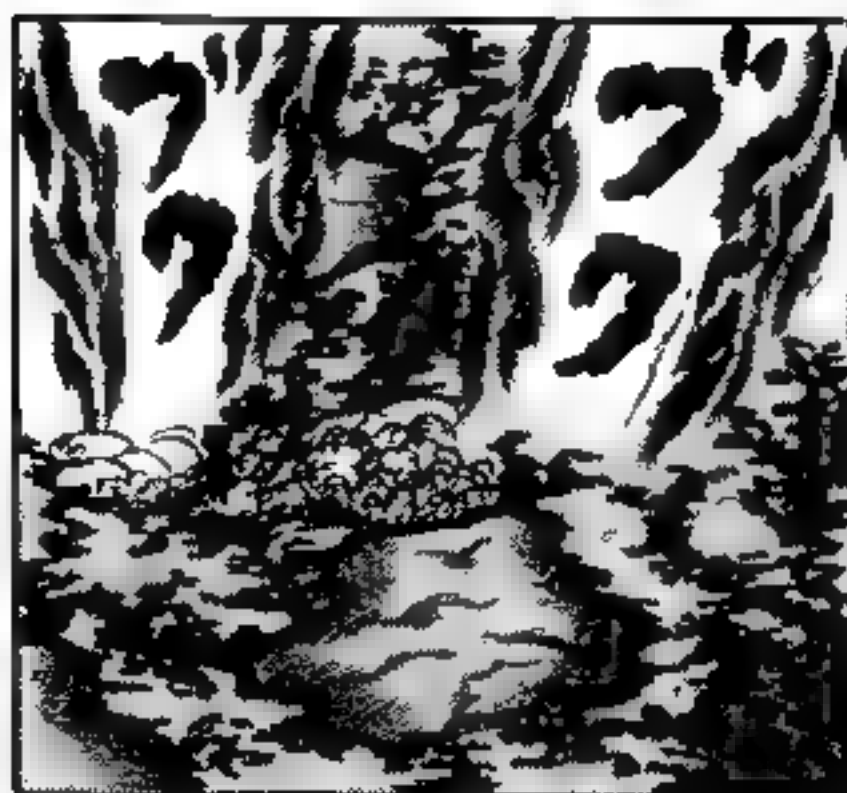
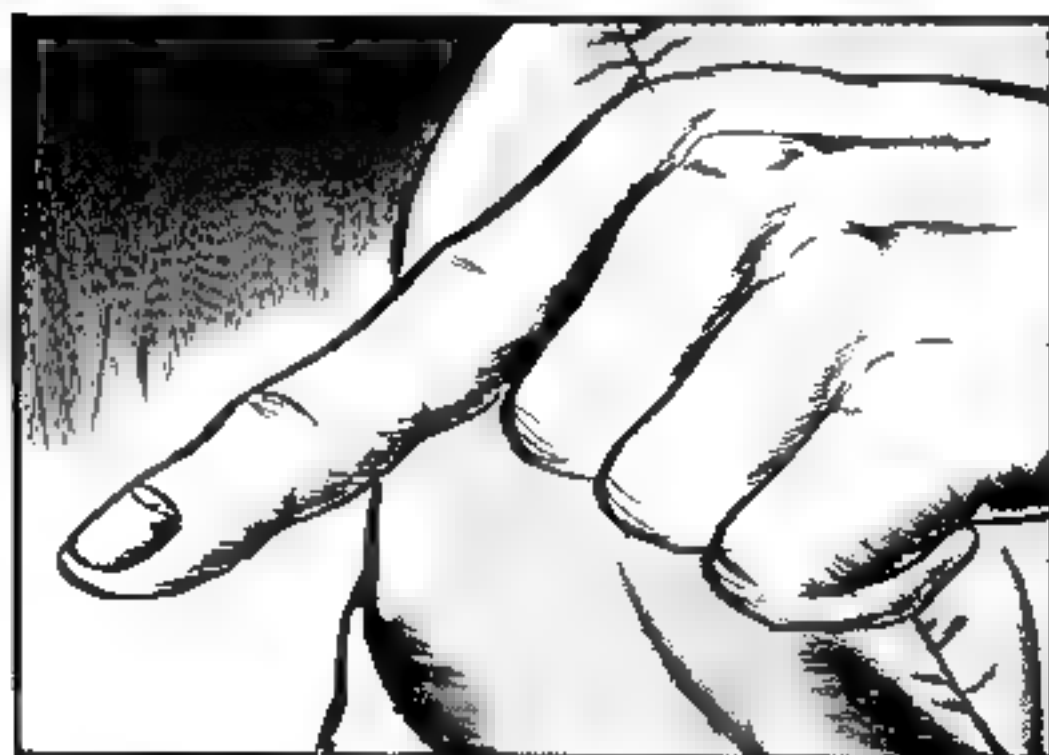
SFX. BUBBLE BUBBLE.



WHY DID
YOU EVOLVE
FROM A
CHICKEN
BREAST?



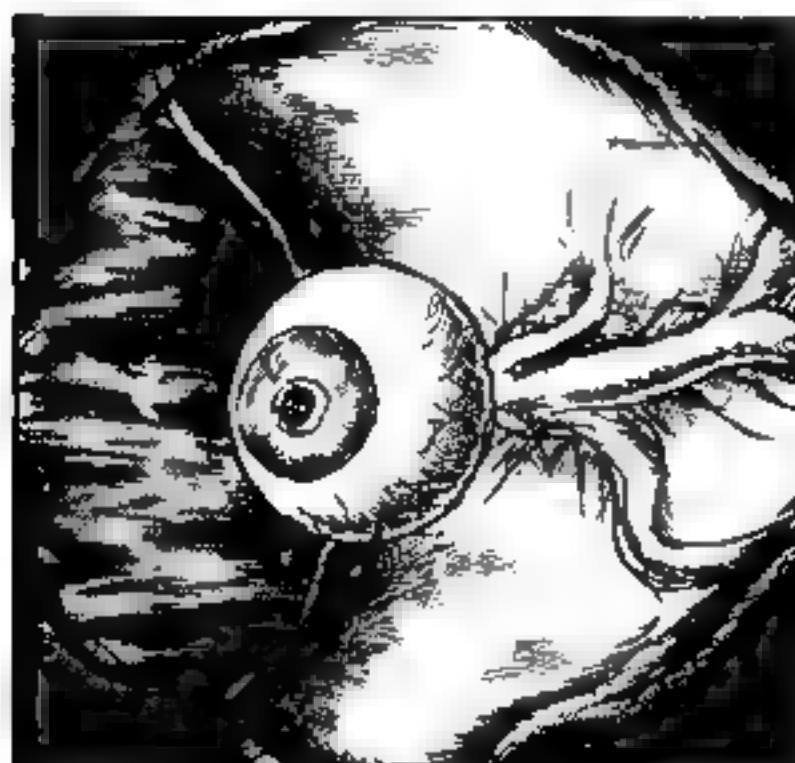
ON A NIGHT
JUST LIKE
TONIGHT,
I HAD COME
DOWN HERE
TO CHECK ON
THE GROWTH
PROCESS OF
THE CHICKEN
BREASTS.



SFX: BUBBLE BUBBLE.



I WANTED
TO MAKE
THAT EYEBALL
GROW NO
MATTER WHAT!!
AND...

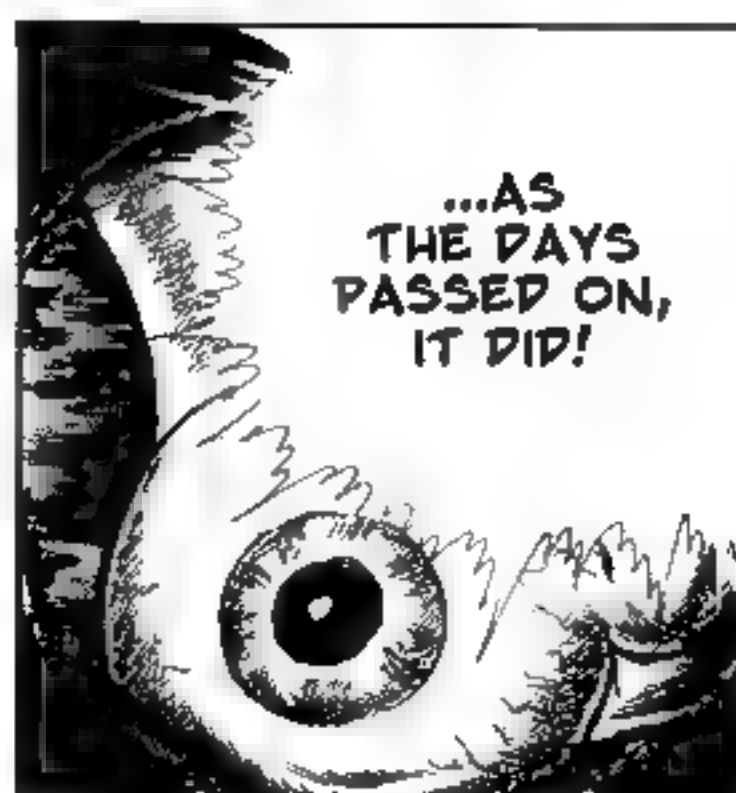


AND FROM
THAT NIGHT
FORWARD,
I STARTED
MY OWN
SECRET
EXPERIM-
ENTS.

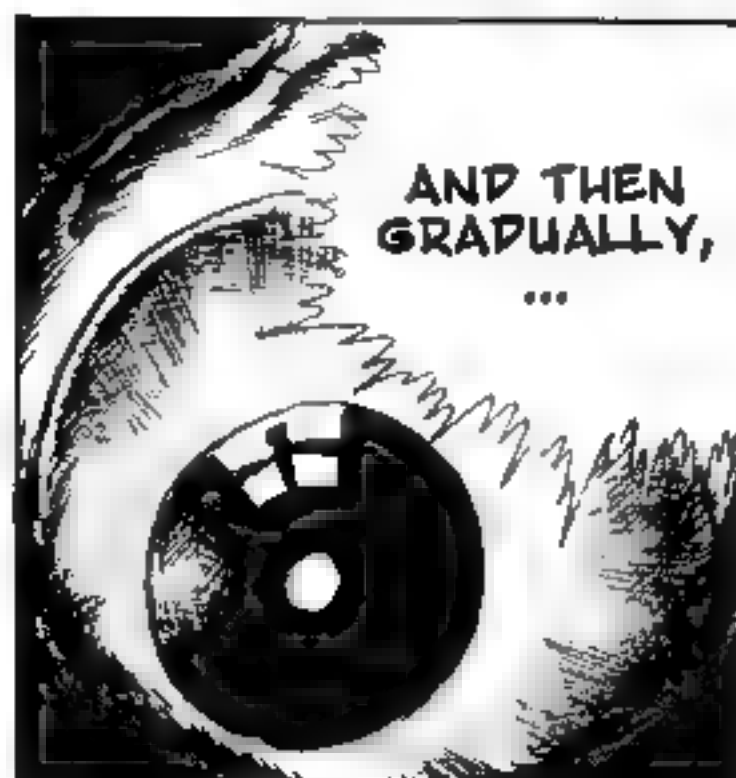
I WAS SO
SURPRISED.
AND AT THE
SAME TIME,
MY HEART
WAS SIMPLY
TREMBLING
WITH
INTEREST!



...A CHICKEN'S
BODY GREW
OUT OF IT!!



...AS
THE DAYS
PASSED ON,
IT DID!



AND THEN
GRADUALLY,
...



**SOMETHING
MIRACULOUS
HAD HAPPENED
!!**



**AND I
COULDN'T
TELL IT TO
ANYONE!**



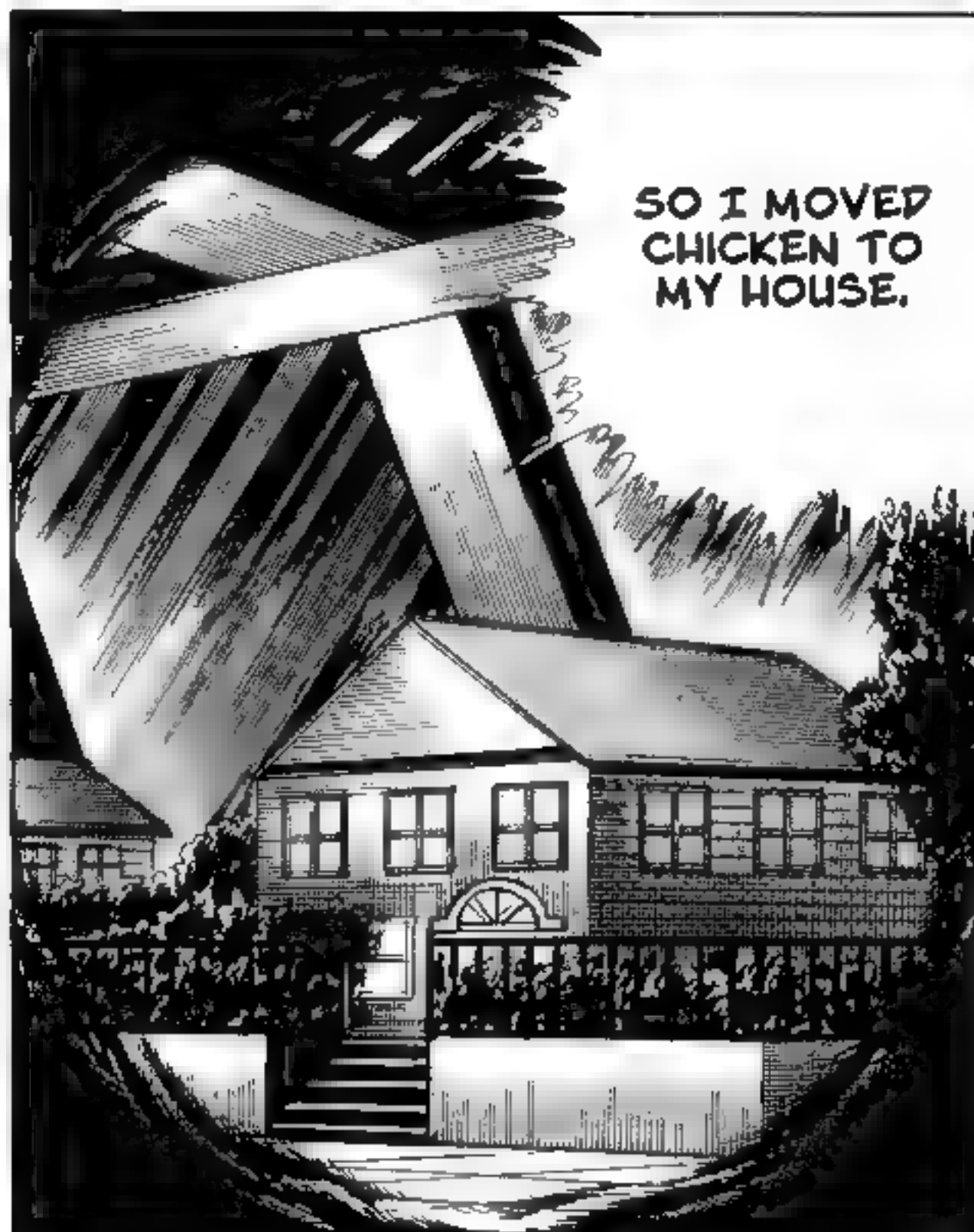
**THEN,
I PUT CHICKEN...
ERR, I MEAN,
YOU INTO THE
WATER IN MY
BATHTUB AT
HOME...**



**...AND
SECRETLY
RAISED
YOU.**



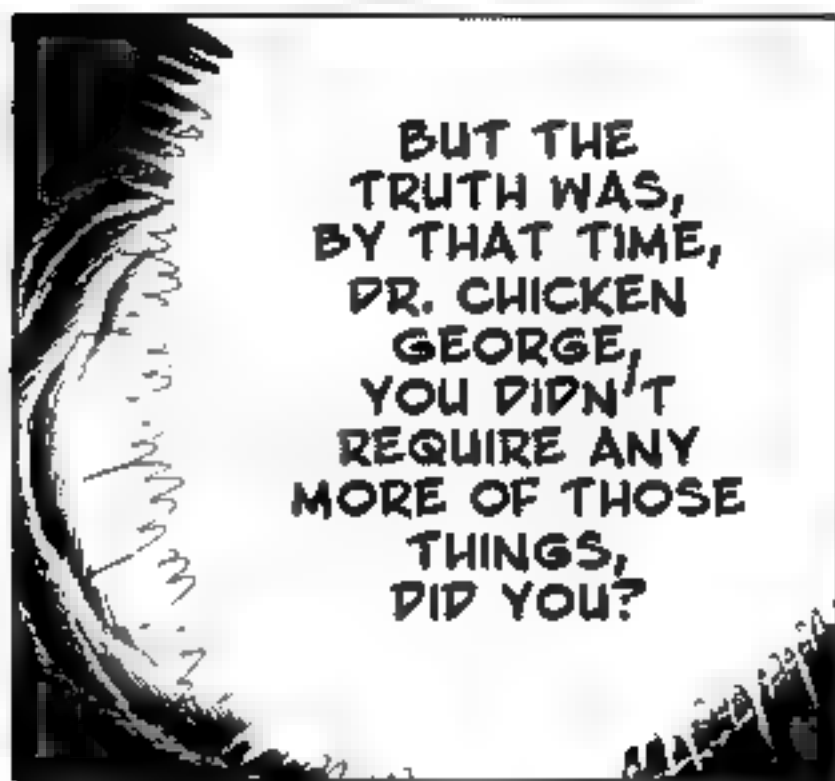
**THEN WHEN
I HEARD IT SAY
"CHICKEN" IN THE
EXACT SAME
TONE AS I HAD,
I KNEW IT.**



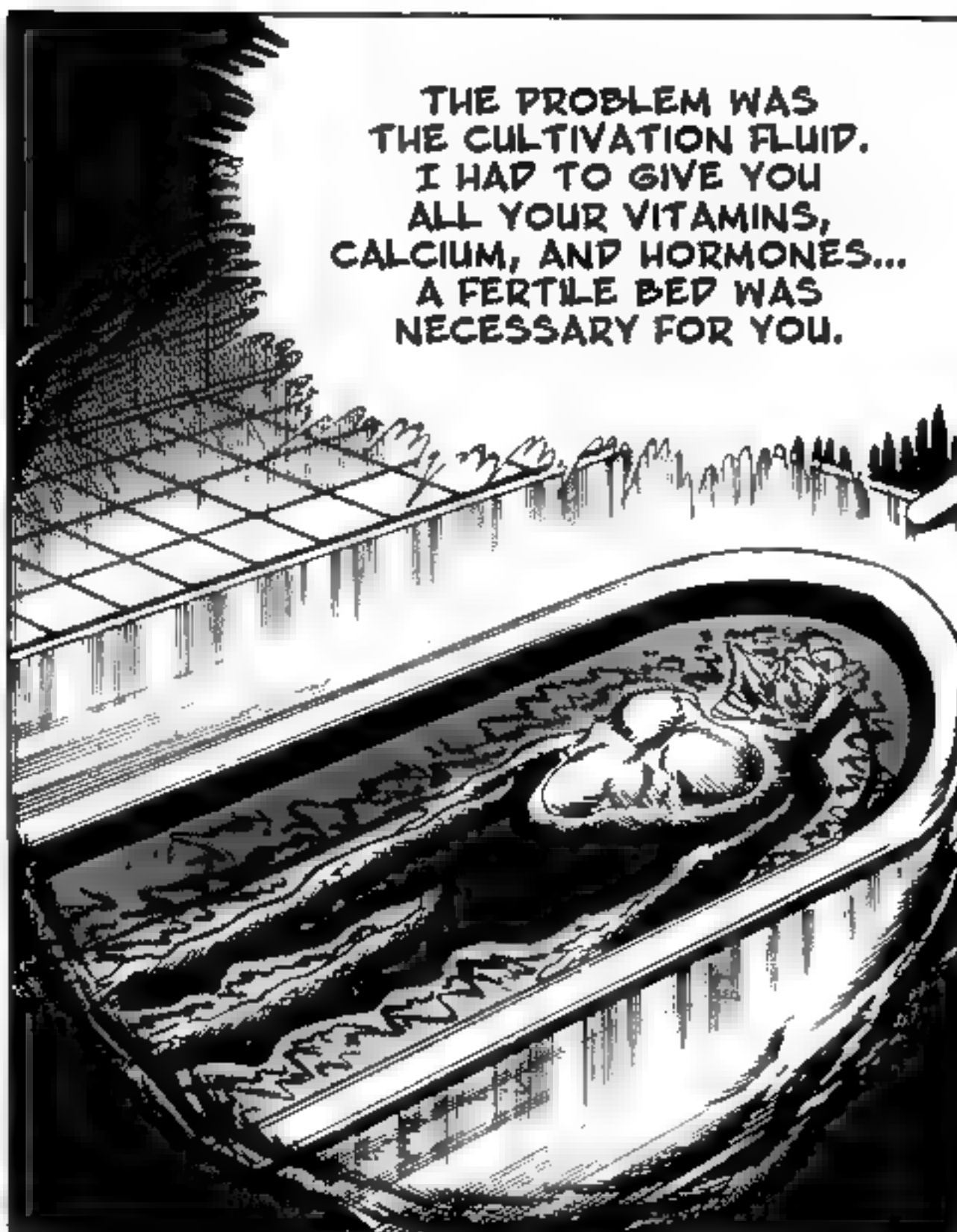
**SO I MOVED
CHICKEN TO
MY HOUSE.**



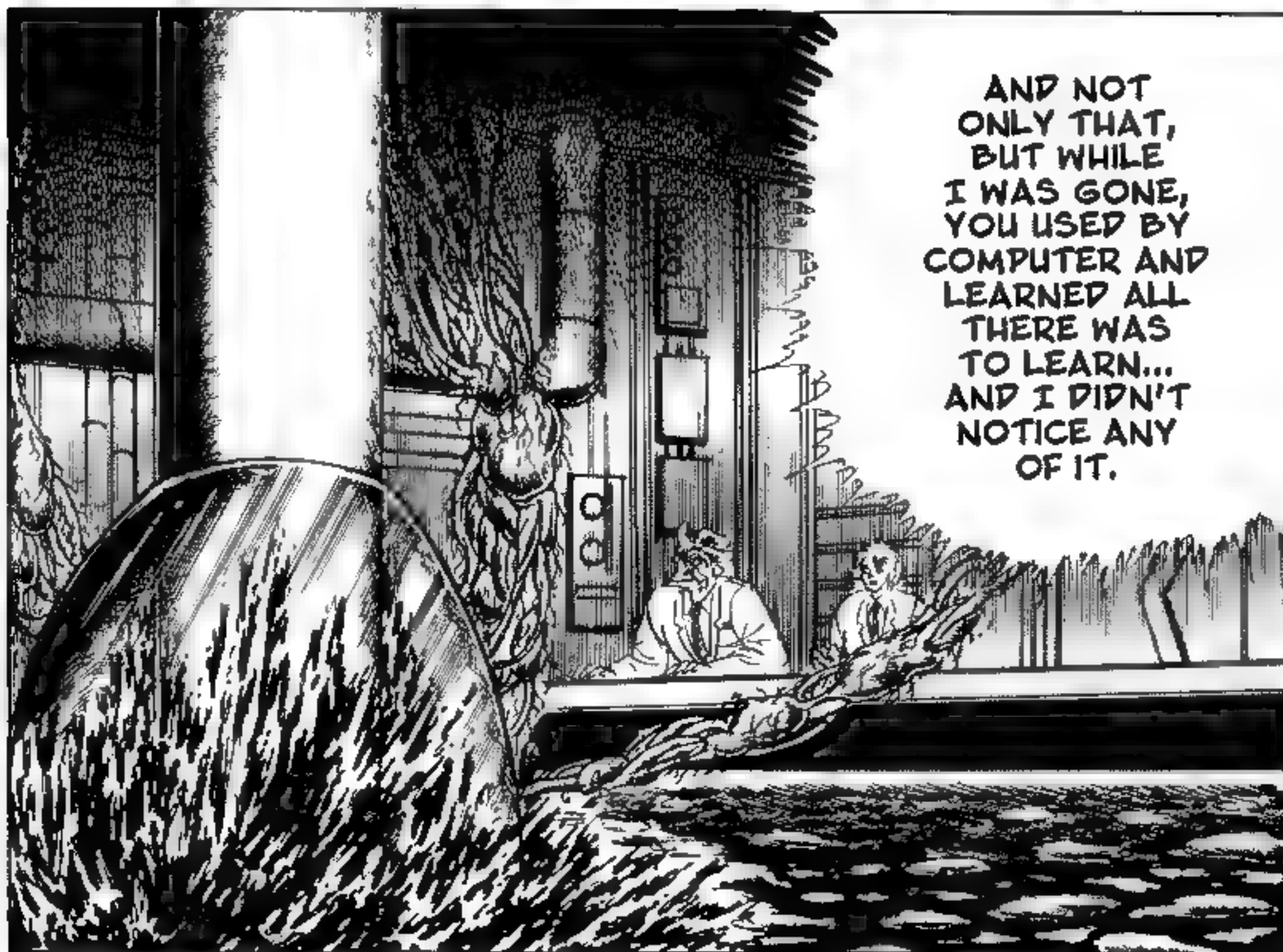
I DESPERATELY
BROUGHT IT
ALL HOME.



BUT THE
TRUTH WAS,
BY THAT TIME,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE,
YOU DIDN'T
REQUIRE ANY
MORE OF THOSE
THINGS,
DID YOU?



THE PROBLEM WAS
THE CULTIVATION FLUID.
I HAD TO GIVE YOU
ALL YOUR VITAMINS,
CALCIUM, AND HORMONES...
A FERTILE BED WAS
NECESSARY FOR YOU.



AND NOT
ONLY THAT,
BUT WHILE
I WAS GONE,
YOU USED BY
COMPUTER AND
LEARNED ALL
THERE WAS
TO LEARN...
AND I DIDN'T
NOTICE ANY
OF IT.



THEN
I MADE
THE
HORRIBLE
REQUEST
SAYING I
WANTED TO
SEE INSIDE
YOUR
BRAIN!



I TRIED
TO
PROTECT
YOU TO
THE BEST
OF MY
ABILITY.



I'M
STILL
EMBAR-
RASSED
AT MY-
SELF.



...AND DIS-
APPEARED
FROM MY
HOUSE.



BUT YOUR
INTELLIGENCE
ONLY
INCREASED,
SO MUCH
SO THAT I
WASN'T EVEN
ABLE TO
COMPETE.



THEN YOU
STABBED
ME...



I WASN'T TRYING TO KILL YOU.



I'M SORRY, SHIGENO-SAN.



I'M SURE THAT AT THAT TIME, I HATED THE HUMAN RACE.



BUT I ENDED UP LEAVING A TRAIL.



THAT WAS ANESTHETIC.



AFTER I MET BARBARA, I FALTERED!



AFTER I MET BARBARA ...



BUT I'M DIFFERENT NOW!



AND THEN I DECIDED. I DECIDED I WOULD FOLLOW THE HUMANS!!



SHOULD I FOLLOW THE ANIMALS, OR THE HUMANS..?!



I REALIZED
THAT IN THIS
WORLD,
THERE EXISTS
A TERRIFYING
NARCOTIC
KNOWN AS
LOVE.



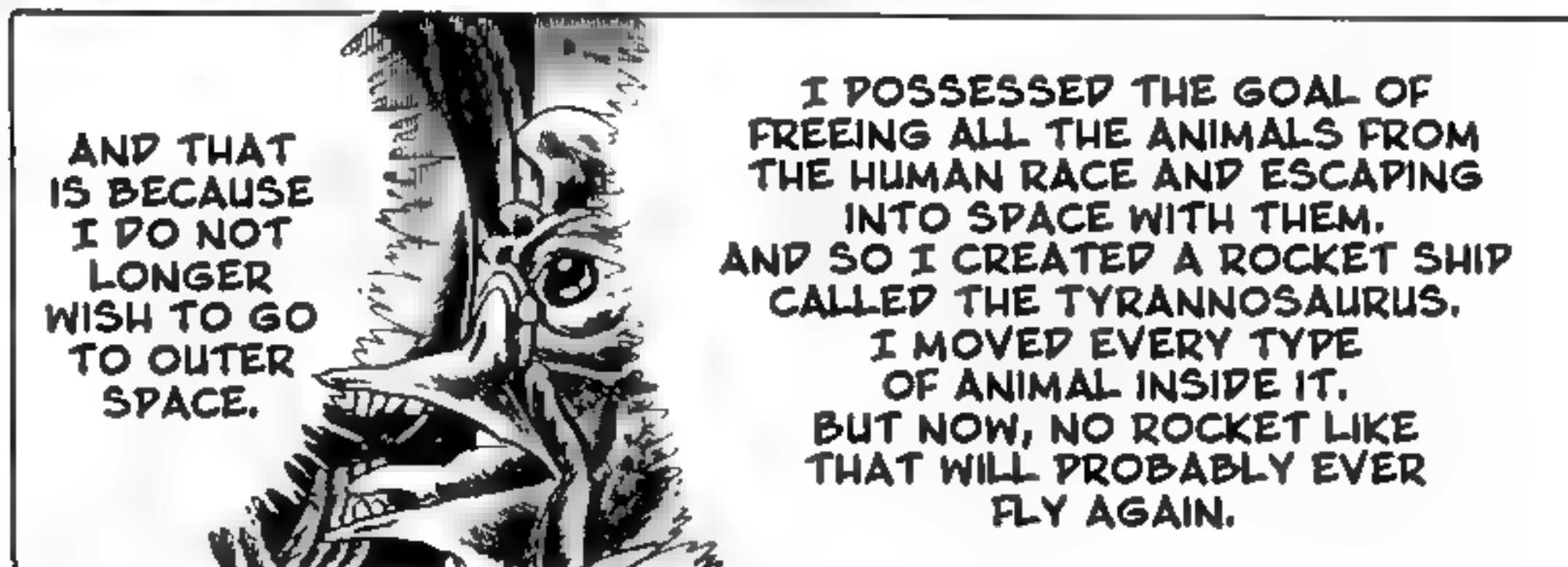
IN OTHER
WORDS,
I CHOSE
LOVE.



THAT LOVE
IS AN
EXTREMELY
WELL-MADE
CREATION,
BUT THAT
THERE IS A
DECEPTIVE
PART HIDDEN
WITHIN IT!!



LIVING CREATURES
MUST POSSESS GOALS
IN ORDER TO LIVE.
AND THEREFORE,
A SWITCHABLE GOAL
KNOWN AS LOVE
WAS PLACED INTO
ALL CREATURES.



AND THAT
IS BECAUSE
I DO NOT
LONGER
WISH TO GO
TO OUTER
SPACE.

I POSSESSED THE GOAL OF
FREEING ALL THE ANIMALS FROM
THE HUMAN RACE AND ESCAPING
INTO SPACE WITH THEM.
AND SO I CREATED A ROCKET SHIP
CALLED THE TYRANNOSAURUS.
I MOVED EVERY TYPE
OF ANIMAL INSIDE IT.
BUT NOW, NO ROCKET LIKE
THAT WILL PROBABLY EVER
FLY AGAIN.



IT'S STRANGE
TO THINK THAT
I'M GOING TO BE
REALIZING IMMORTALITY
FOR THE HUMANS IN
THE VERY PLACE
I WAS BORN.



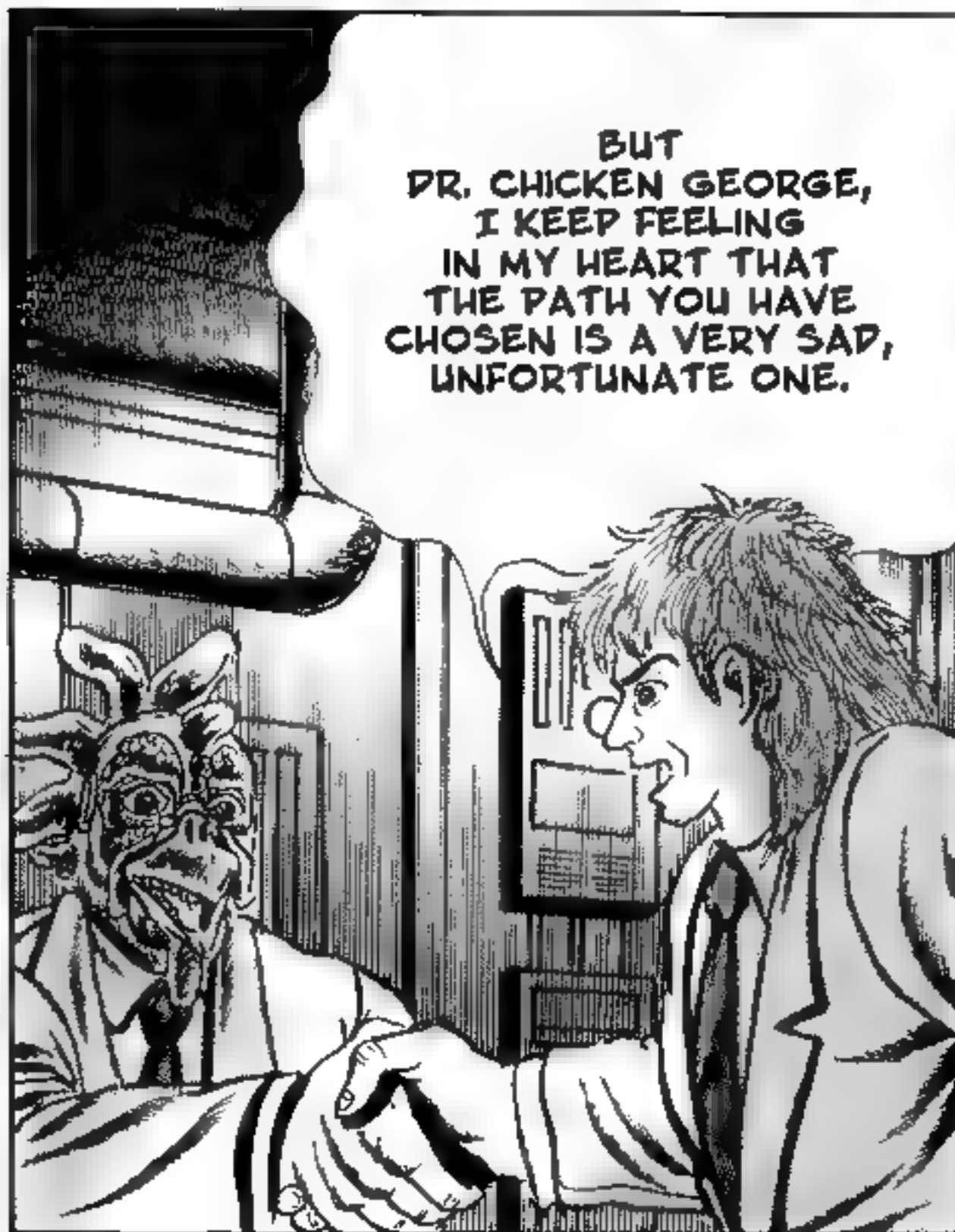
IN RETURN,
I HAVE
DECIDED TO
WORK FOR
THE HUMANS.



I WILL
GRADUALLY
DEVOLVE.



AND HERE
IS WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO ME
AFTERWARDS.



BUT
DR. CHICKEN GEORGE,
I KEEP FEELING
IN MY HEART THAT
THE PATH YOU HAVE
CHOSEN IS A VERY SAD,
UNFORTUNATE ONE.



I'M LOOKING
FORWARD
TO WORKING
WITH YOU,
SHIGENO-SAN.



IT'S MY
PLEASURE.



PLEASE
LOOK
AT THIS!



SFX: BAM BAM.



DR.
CHICKEN
GEORGE
!!

SFX: SWAM.



SOMETHING'S
GONE WRONG
WITH THE
IMMORTALITY
EXPERIMENTS
!!

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THESE
ARE MY
CELLS.



ALL OF A
SUDDEN
THEY TURNED
INTO THIS
GROTESQUE
THING!!



PLEASE
LOOK
AT THIS.



OR
COULD
IT BE
THAT
I...



WHAT COULD
BE THE CAUSE?
I WAS JUST
REPEATING THEIR
REGENERATION
UNDER THE LAWS
OF IMMORTALITY!!



...DON'T
HAVE THE
POTENTIAL
?!



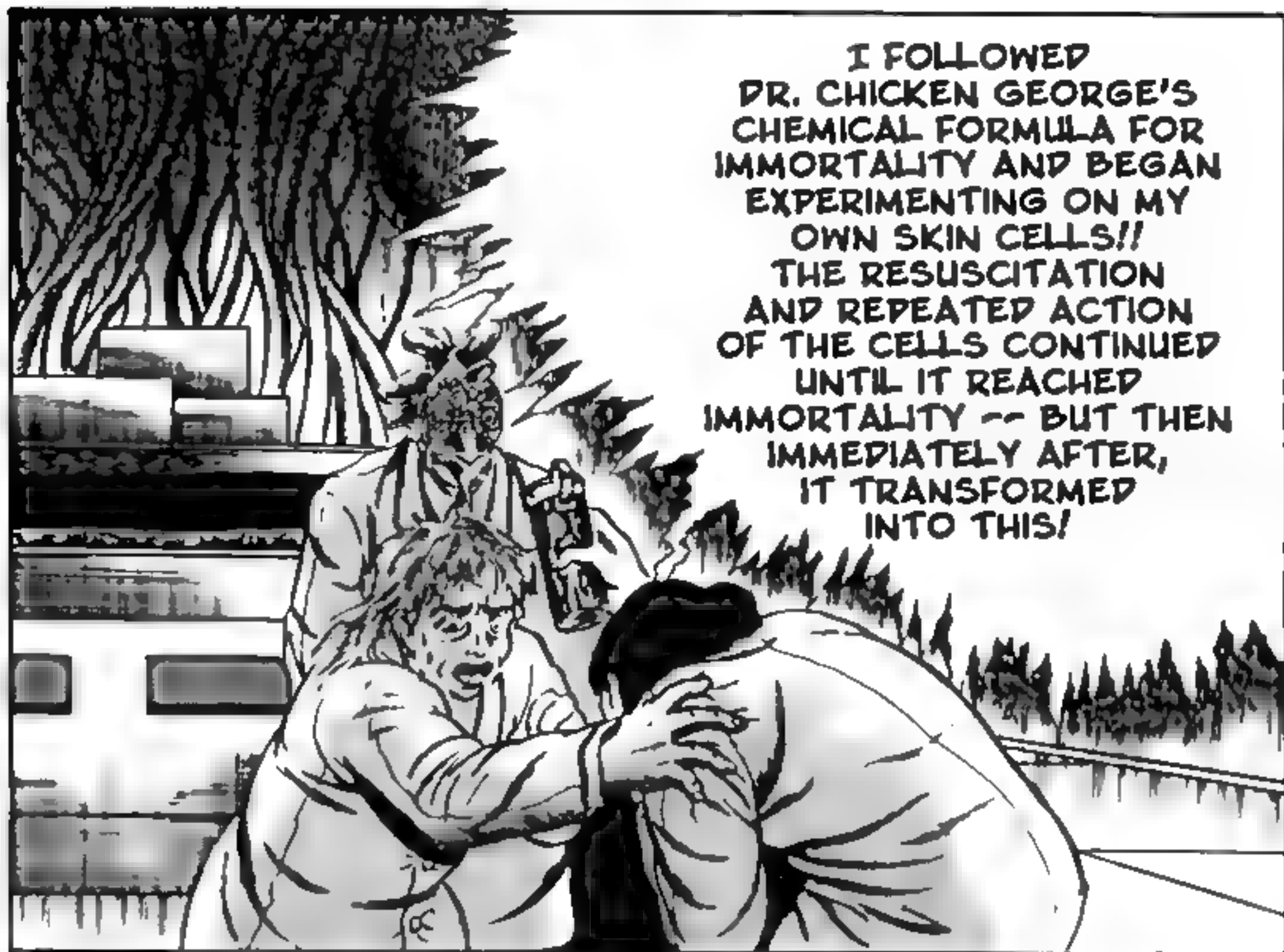
UWAAAHHH
!!



CALM
DOWN AND
EXPLAIN.



PLEASE
CALM DOWN,
WAKAMIYA-
KUN.



I FOLLOWED
DR. CHICKEN GEORGE'S
CHEMICAL FORMULA FOR
IMMORTALITY AND BEGAN
EXPERIMENTING ON MY
OWN SKIN CELLS!!
THE RESUSCITATION
AND REPEATED ACTION
OF THE CELLS CONTINUED
UNTIL IT REACHED
IMMORTALITY -- BUT THEN
IMMEDIATELY AFTER,
IT TRANSFORMED
INTO THIS!



AREN'T
THE CELLS
SUPPOSED TO
CONTINUE
REPRODUCING
AND BECOME
IMMORTAL?!



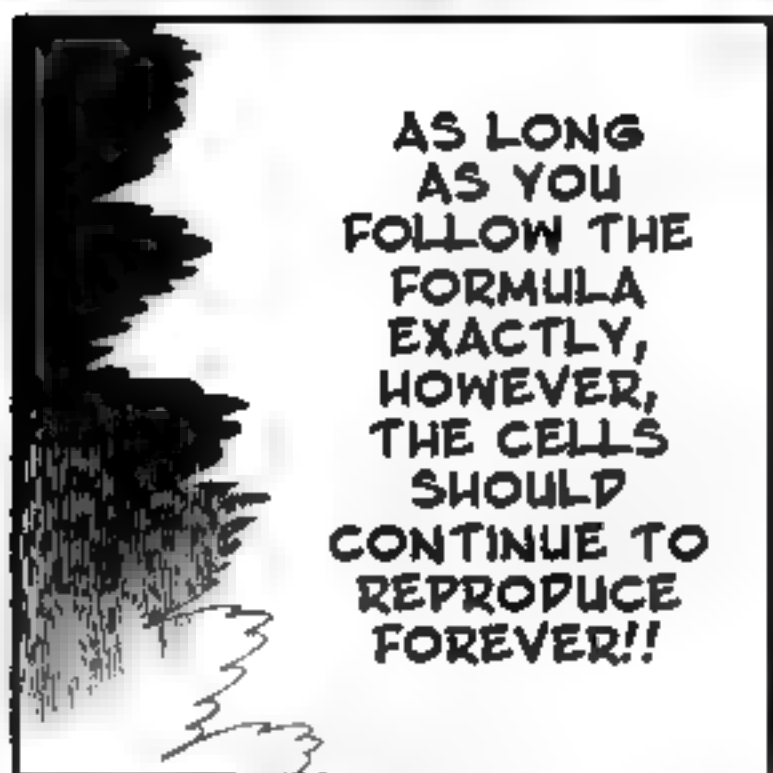
EXACTLY.



THE TRUTH IS,
SINCE THE
MAKEUP OF
IMMORTALITY
IS THE EXACT
SAME AS CANCER,
IT IS ALSO
SIMULTANEOUSLY
THE OPPOSITE.



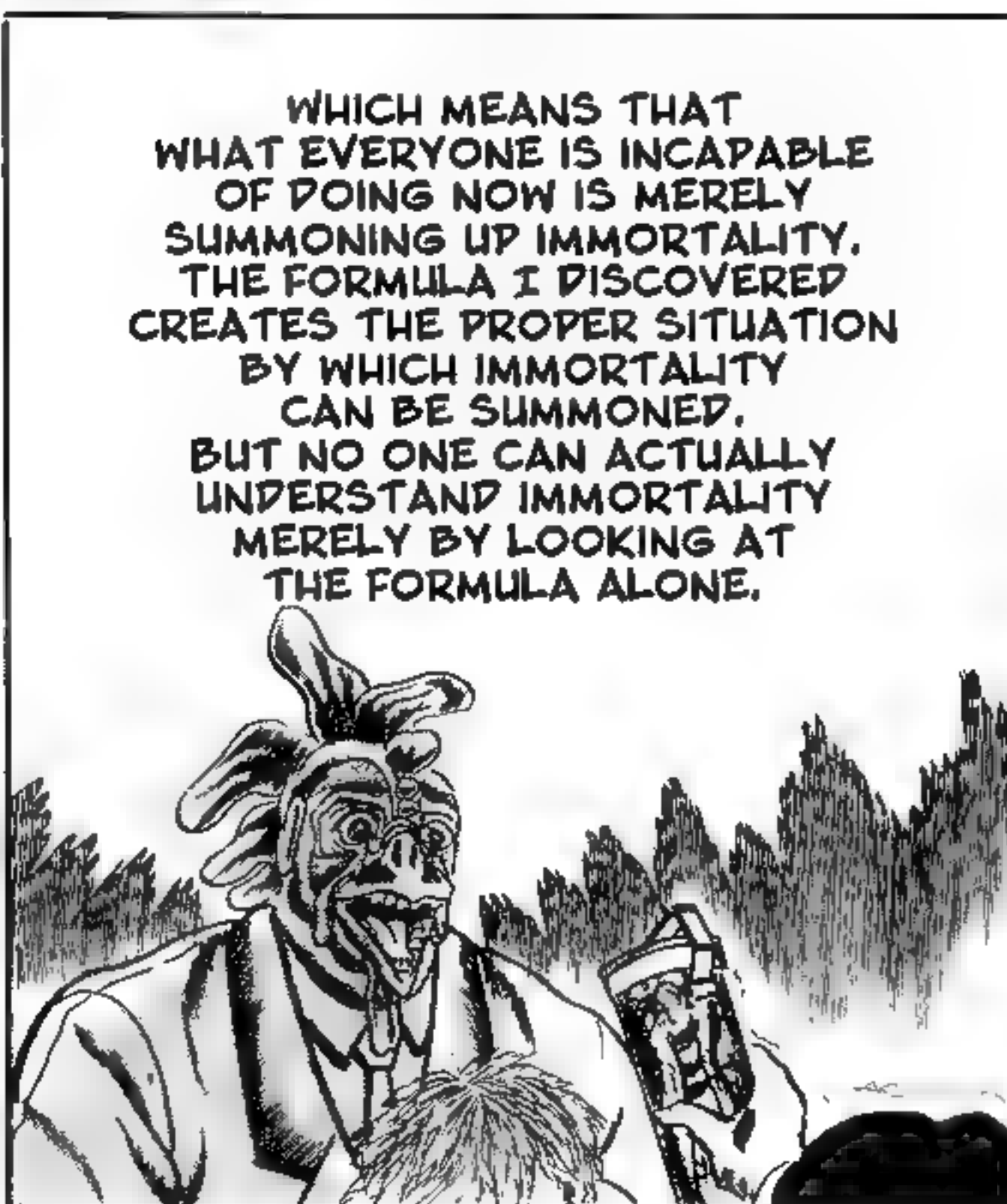
THESE RIDDLES
ARE ALL HIDDEN
IN HUMAN DNA.
HUMANS HAVE
ALWAYS POSSESSED
THE POTENTIAL
TO IMMORTALITY,
IT WAS JUST THAT
NO ONE COULD
DISCOVER IT!!



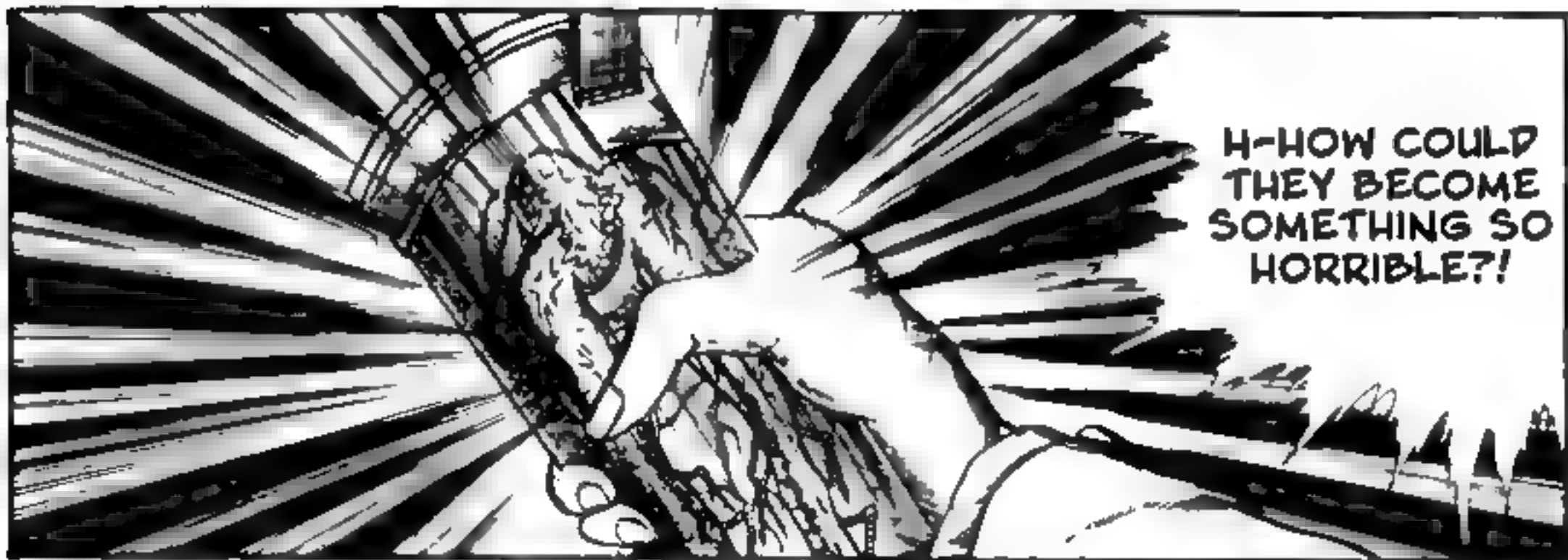
AS LONG
AS YOU
FOLLOW THE
FORMULA
EXACTLY,
HOWEVER,
THE CELLS
SHOULD
CONTINUE TO
REPRODUCE
FOREVER!!



BUT THEY
TRANSFORMED
AND DIED.



WHICH MEANS THAT
WHAT EVERYONE IS INCAPABLE
OF DOING NOW IS MERELY
SUMMONING UP IMMORTALITY.
THE FORMULA I DISCOVERED
CREATES THE PROPER SITUATION
BY WHICH IMMORTALITY
CAN BE SUMMONED.
BUT NO ONE CAN ACTUALLY
UNDERSTAND IMMORTALITY
MERELY BY LOOKING AT
THE FORMULA ALONE.



H-HOW COULD
THEY BECOME
SOMETHING SO
HORRIBLE?!



SFX. SPLAT.



LIAR!

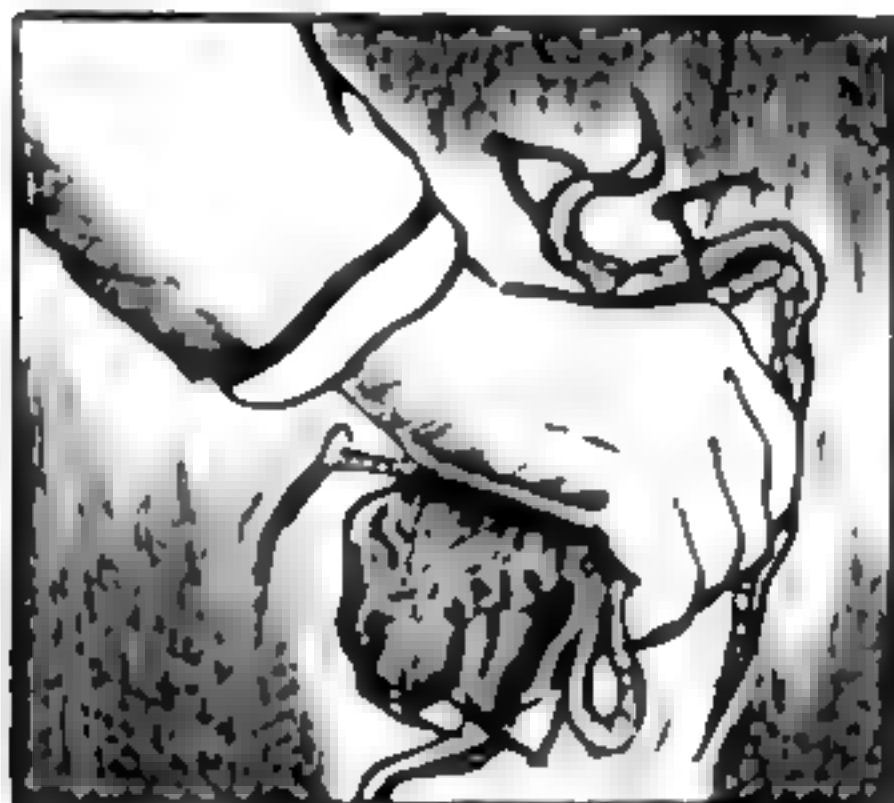
SFX. KRAK.



SFX. SHATTER.



SFX. KWAAAAHH.





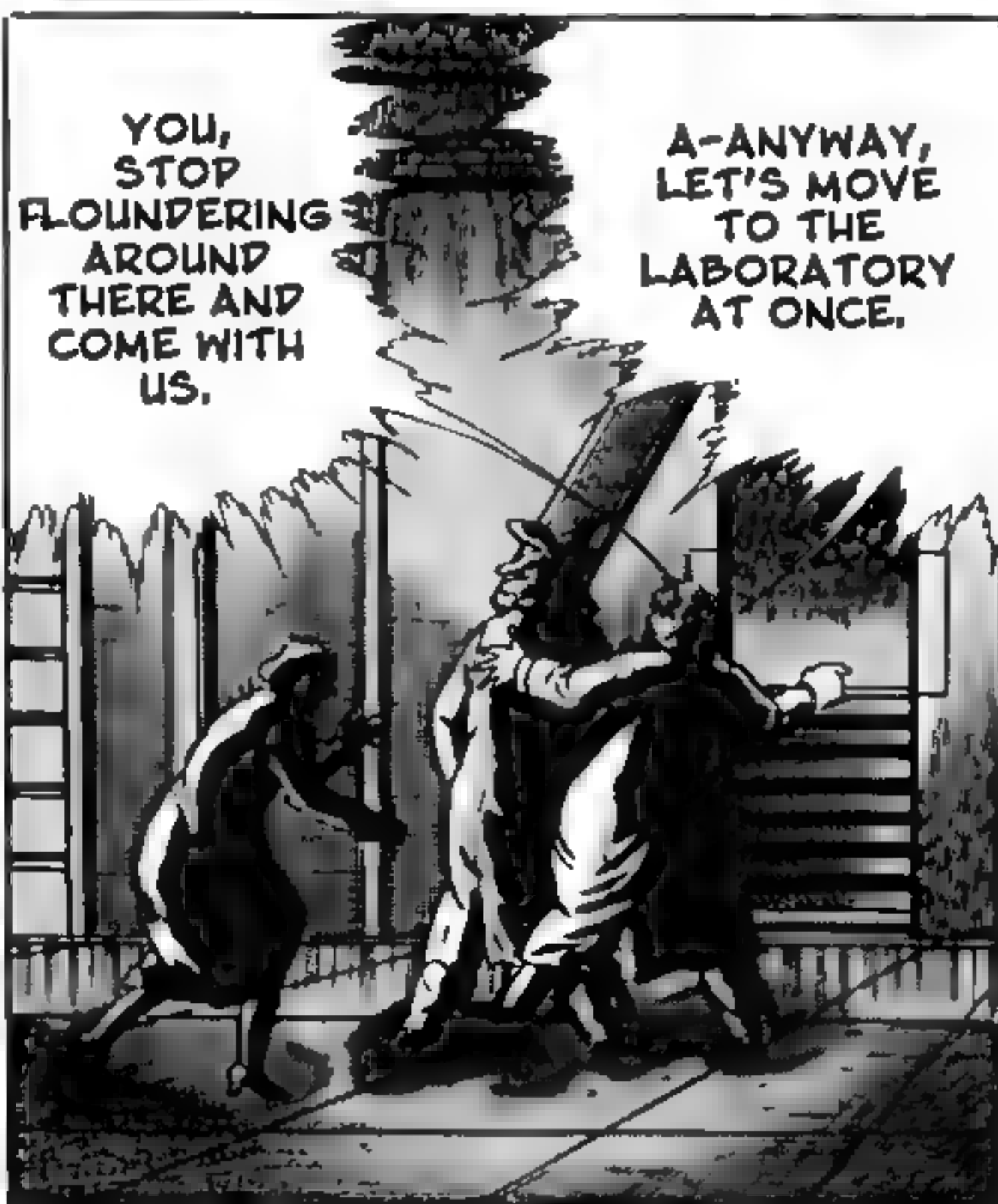
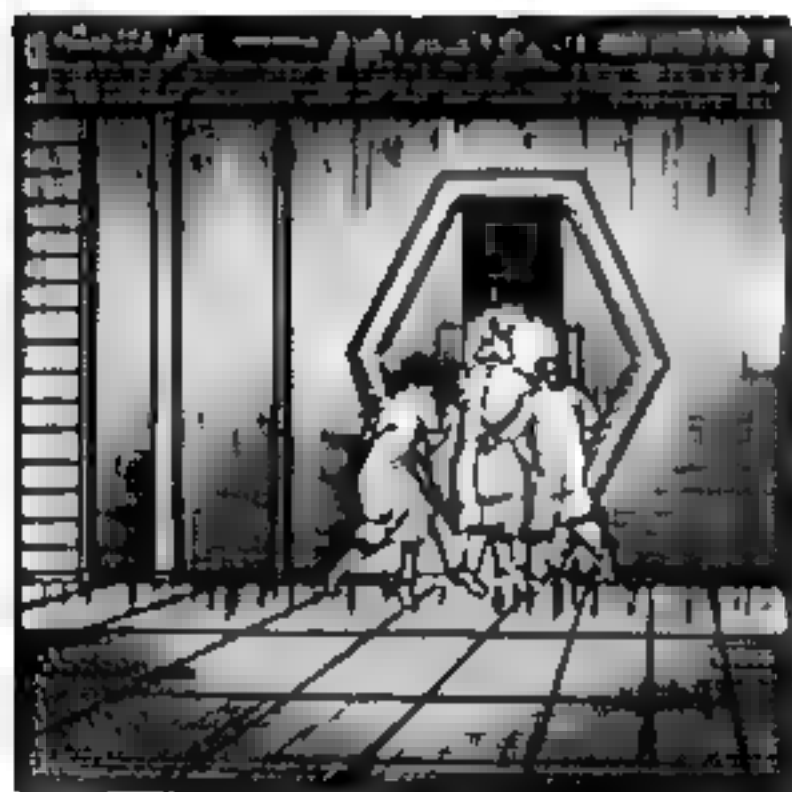
I FORGOT.



DR.
CHICKEN
GEORGE!



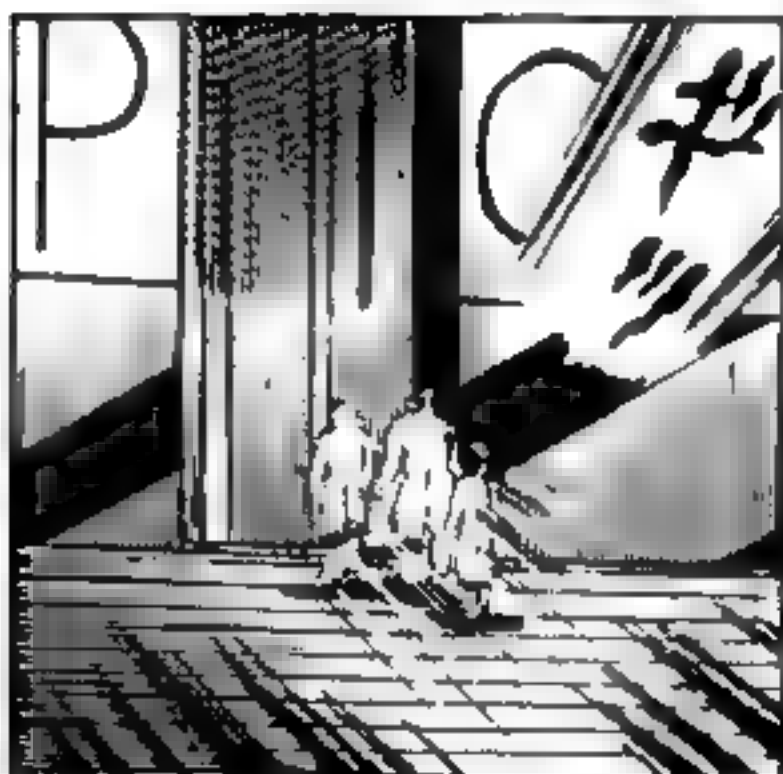
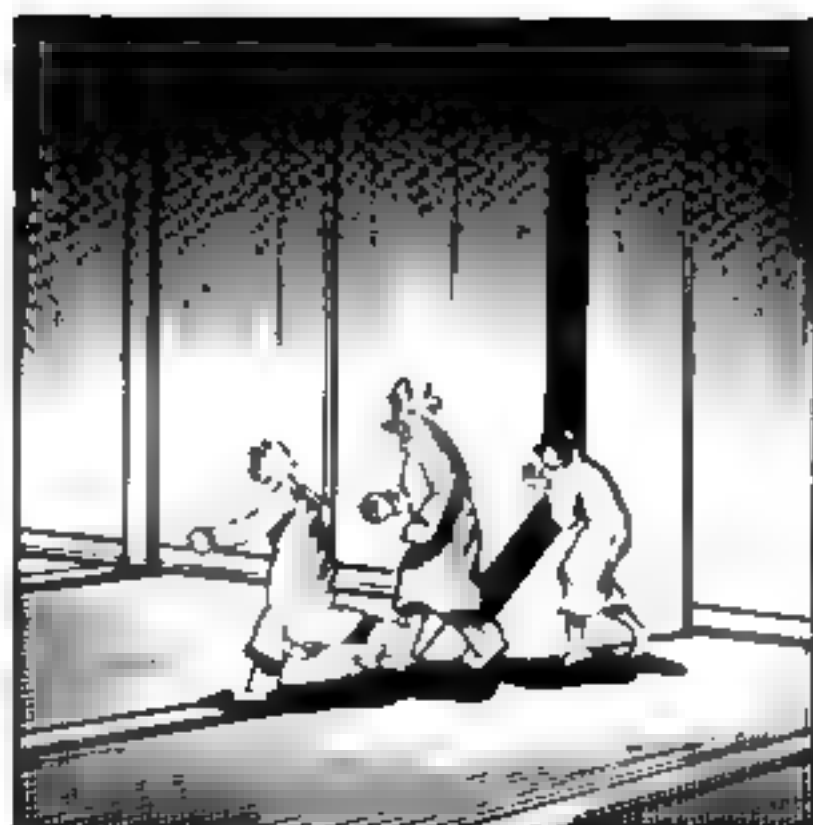
HMMM...
WHAT WAS
I ABOUT TO
SAY JUST
NOW?



YOU,
STOP
FLOUNDERING
AROUND
THERE AND
COME WITH
US.

A-ANYWAY,
LET'S MOVE
TO THE
LABORATORY
AT ONCE.





SFX. CREAK



SFX. RUMBLE







SFX. SHIVER SHIVER

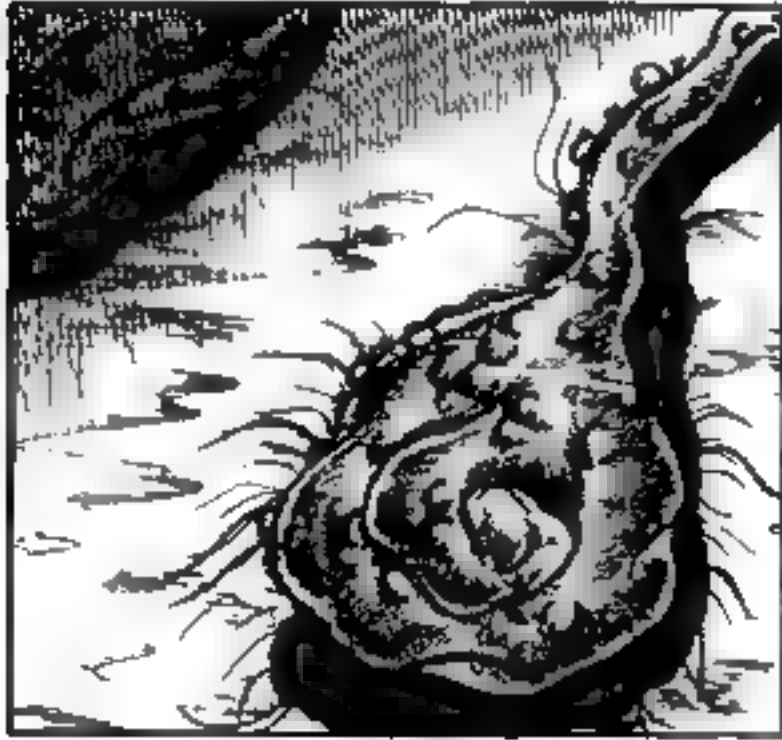


SFX. SHIVER SHIVER





WH-WHAT
IS ALL
THIS..?!





O-OUR
CELLS ALL
T-TURNED
INTO...



WE TRIED
RE-EXPERIMENTING
WITH EVERY
DIFFERENT TYPE
OF HUMAN CELLS,
BUT THEY ALL
TRANSFORMED
AFTER REACHING
IMMORTALITY!!



AND SO,
I DECIDED TO
EXPERIMENT
ON MY CHILD!





THIS IS
MY SON,
KAZUYA.



HE'S
TWO
YEARS
OLD.



HERE
HE IS.



WE TRIED
ACHIEVING
IMMORTALITY
WITH HIS
CELLS.



THE SAME AGE AS THE
PRIME MINISTER'S SON.
WHEN HE WAS BORN HE
HAD GREEN SPECKS
IN HIS SKIN, BUT THEY
WERE REMOVED.





WHEN
THE CELL
RESUSCITATION
AGE REACHED
14 YEARS,
...



AND
WHEN
WE
DID...!!



WHEN
WE
DID
...!!



...THEY SUDDENLY
DISAPPEARED!!

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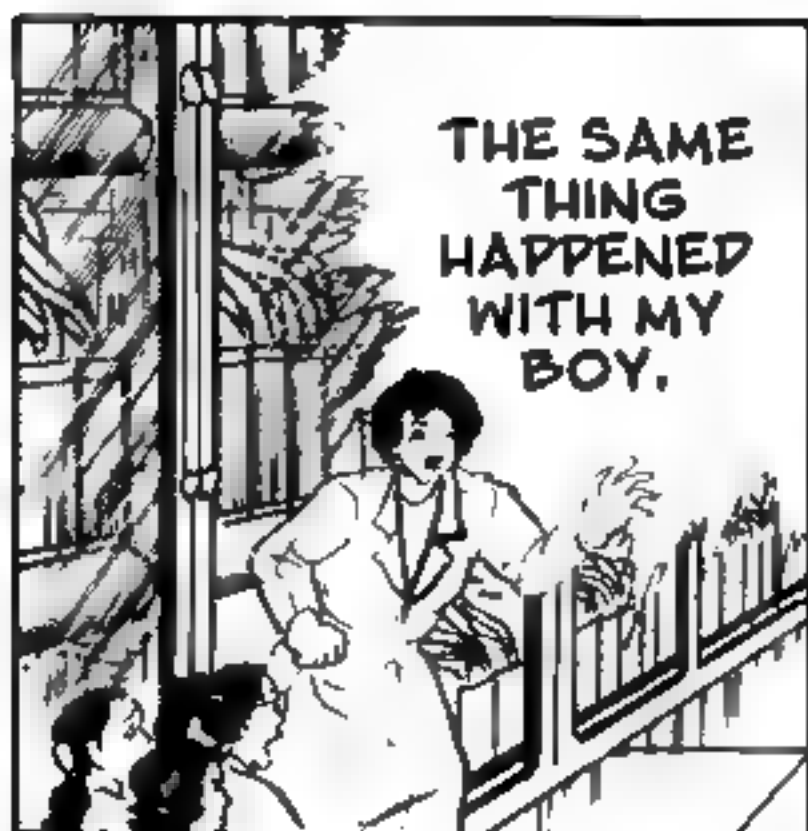
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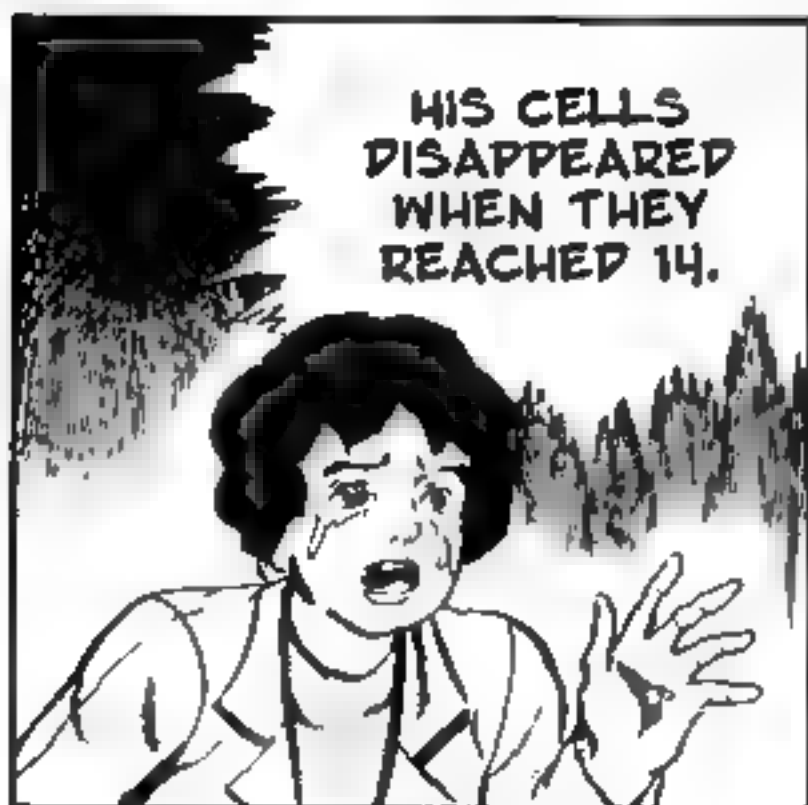








THE SAME
THING
HAPPENED
WITH MY
BOY.



HIS CELLS
DISAPPEARED
WHEN THEY
REACHED 14.



BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
OTHER
CHILDREN?



SEE
FOR
YOUR-
SELF.

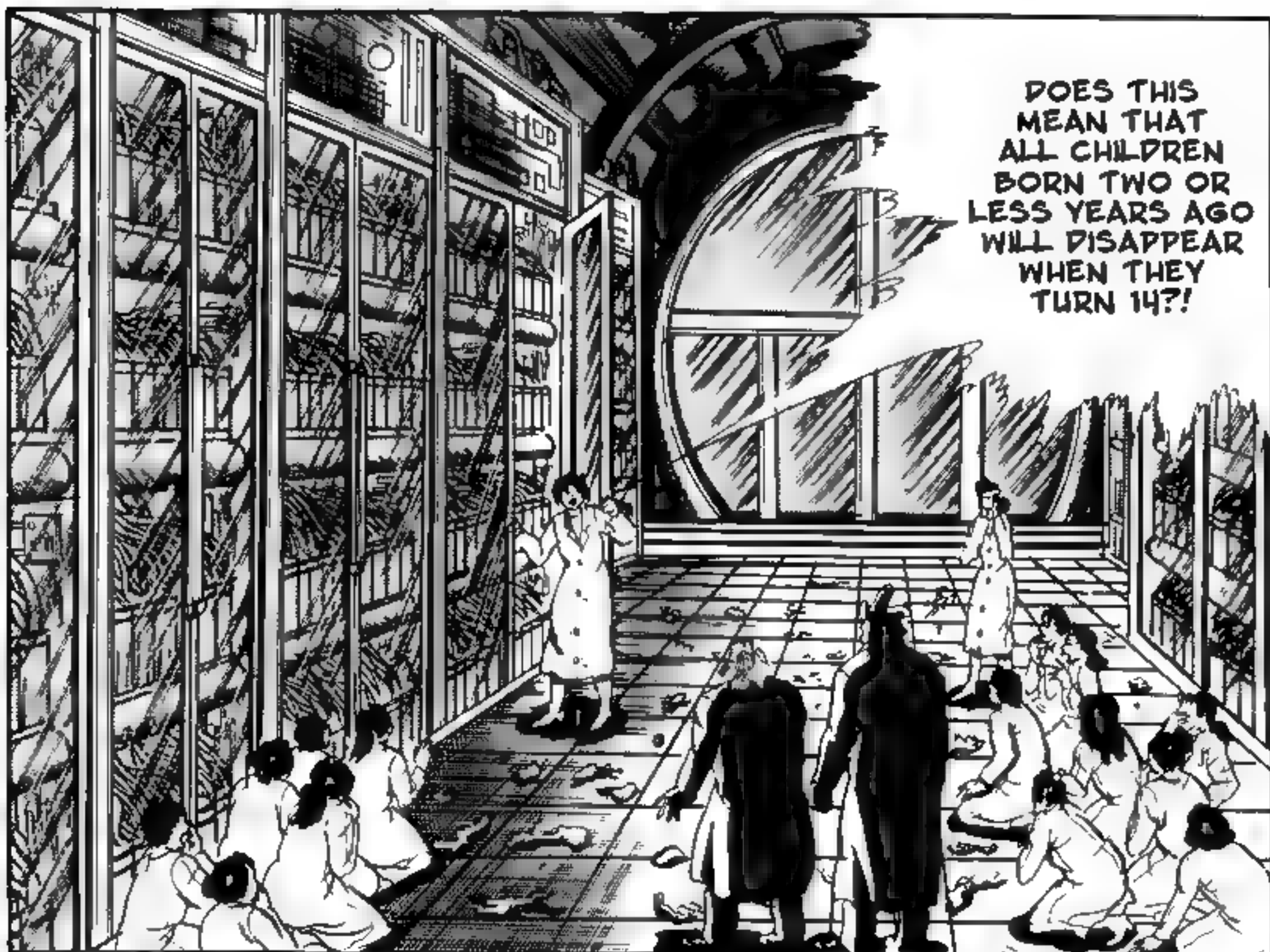
SFX. CREAK.



THEY'VE ALL
ROTTED AND
DISINTEGRATED.



AND ALL YOUNG
CHILDREN LESS
THAN TWO
YEARS OLD
ENDED UP THE
SAME WAY.



DOES THIS
MEAN THAT
ALL CHILDREN
BORN TWO OR
LESS YEARS AGO
WILL DISAPPEAR
WHEN THEY
TURN 14?!



SHOCK!



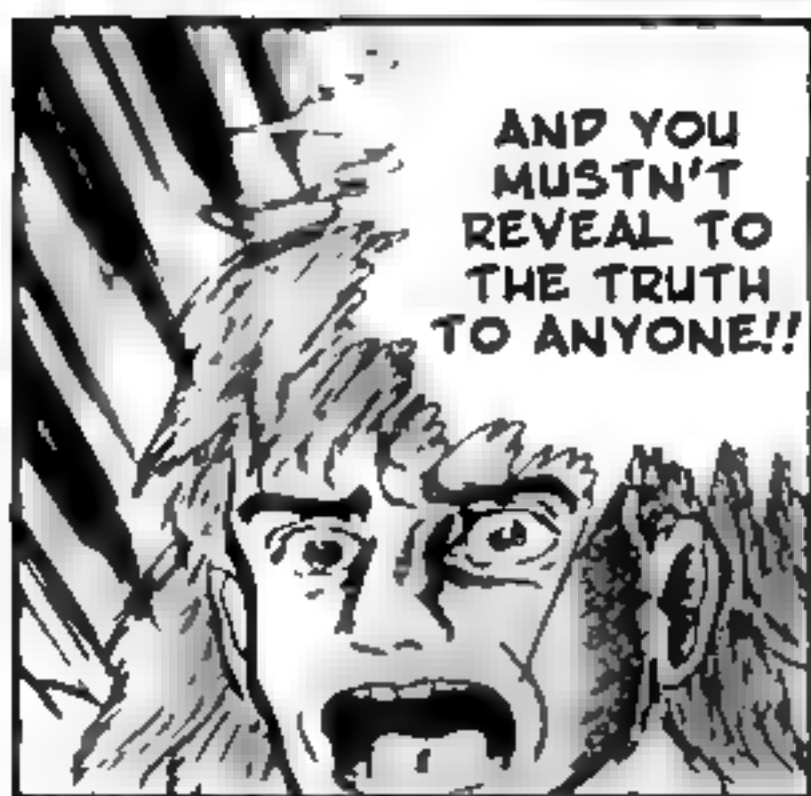
WAS ANYONE
LISTENING IN OUR
CONVERSATION
JUST NOW?!



DOES THIS
MEAN THE
HUMAN RACE
WILL END
AT 14?!



THIS IS A FULLY
SEALED ROOM,
SO NOTHING SHOULD
HAVE SLIPPED OUT,
BUT...



AND YOU
MUSTN'T
REVEAL TO
THE TRUTH
TO ANYONE!!

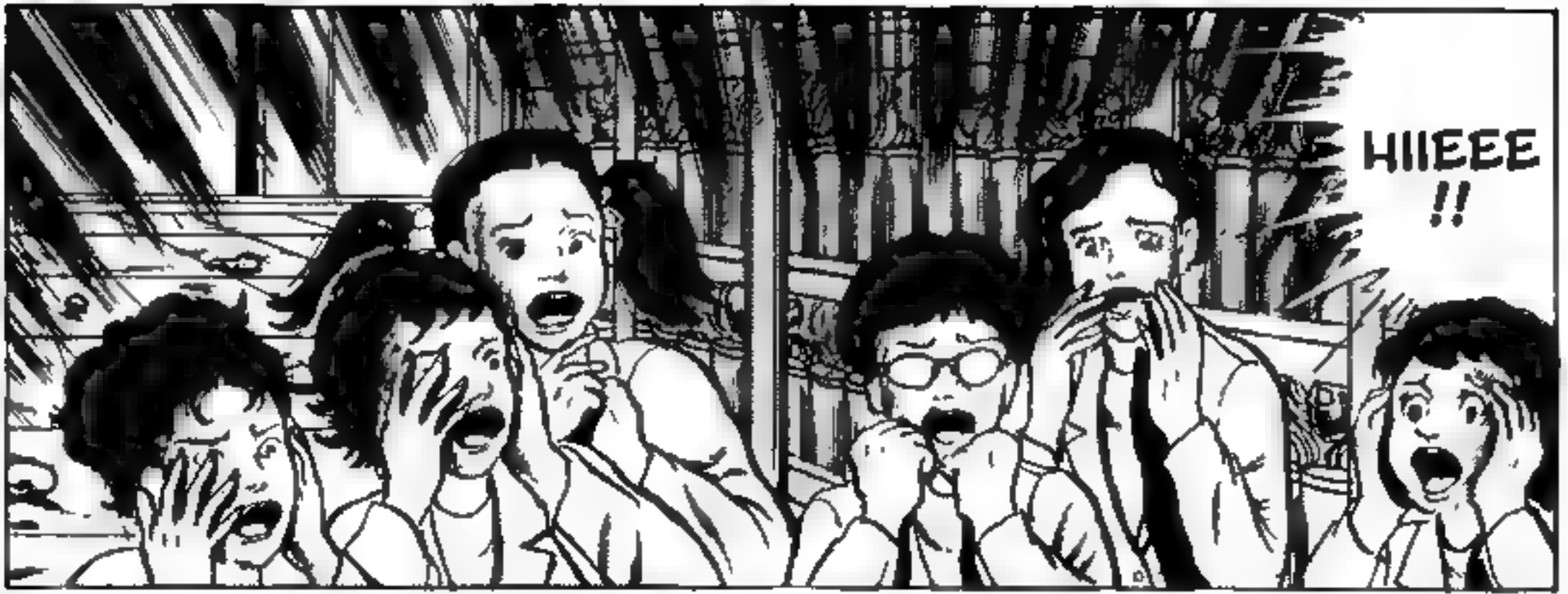


RIGHT NOW,
THE PEOPLE'S
HEARTS ARE
OVERFLOWING
WITH BELIEF IN
THE SUCCESS OF
IMMORTALITY
!!



...THOSE
WORDS
JUST NOW
MUST NEVER
BE SPOKEN
AGAIN!!



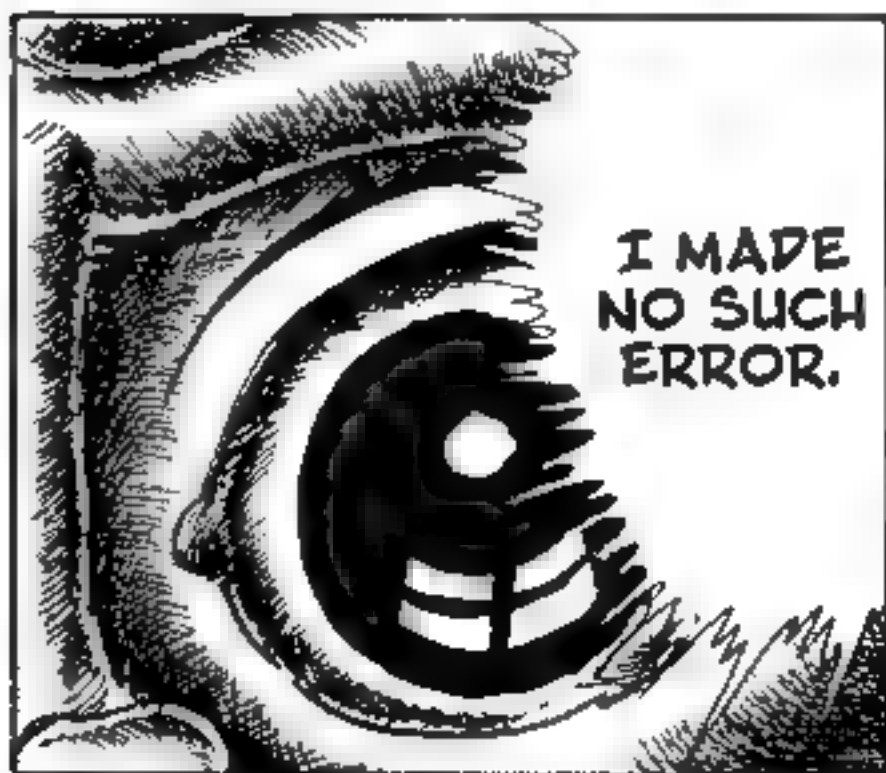




WE CONDUCTED
THE EXPERIMENTS
JUST HOW YOU
INSTRUCTED!!



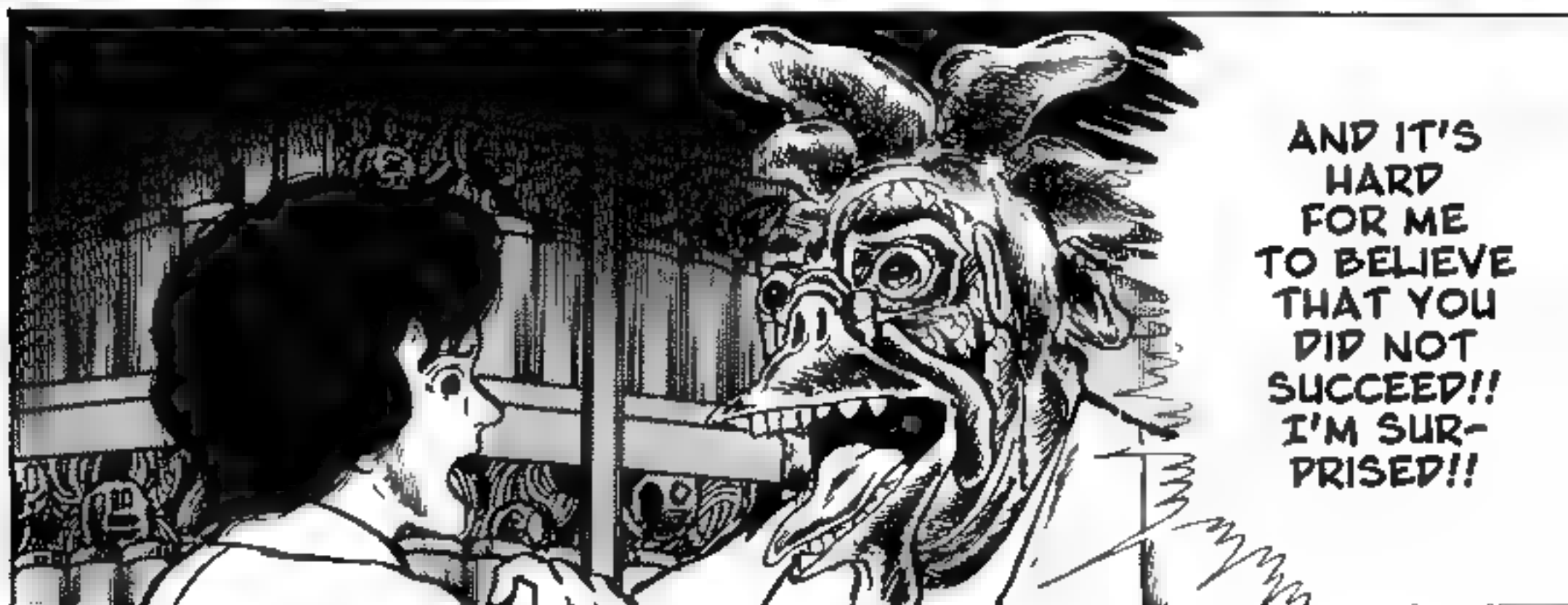
NO!!



I MADE
NO SUCH
ERROR.



COULD YOU
HAVE POSSIBLY
MADE AN OVER-
SIGHT?!



AND IT'S
HARD
FOR ME
TO BELIEVE
THAT YOU
DID NOT
SUCCEED!!
I'M SUR-
PRISED!!



SHIGENO-
SAN.



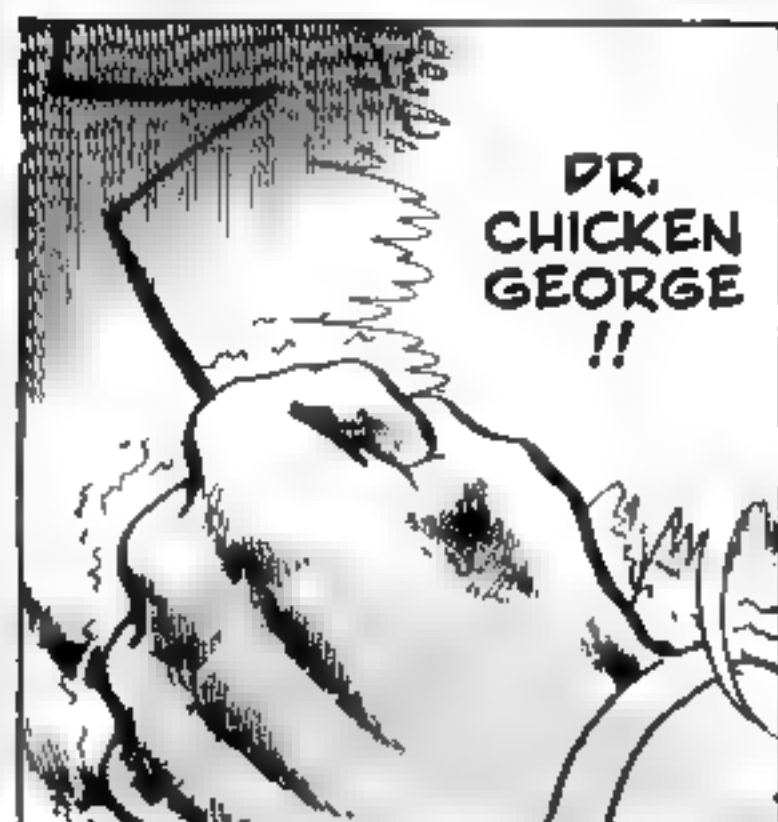
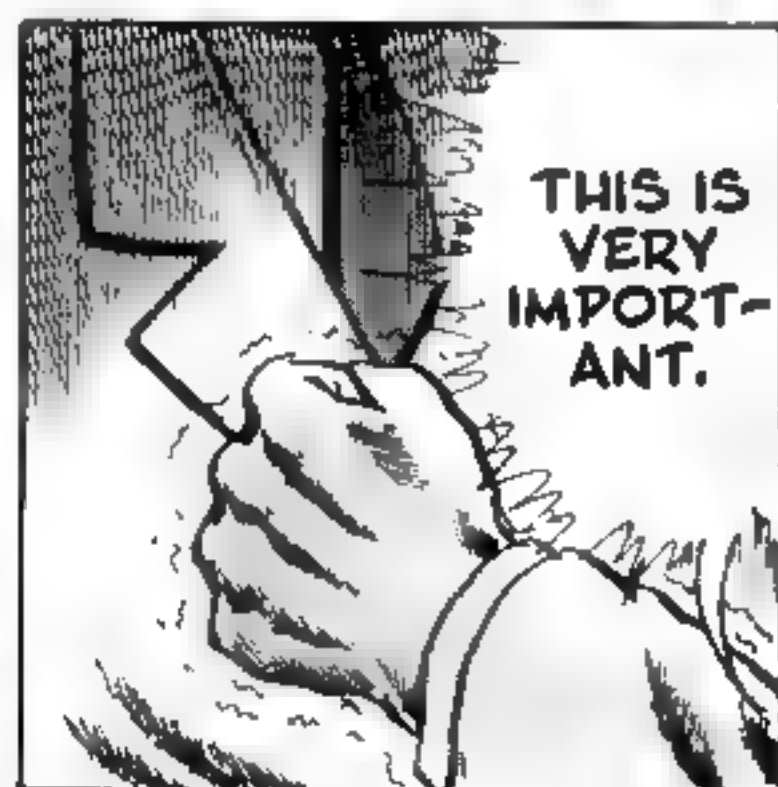
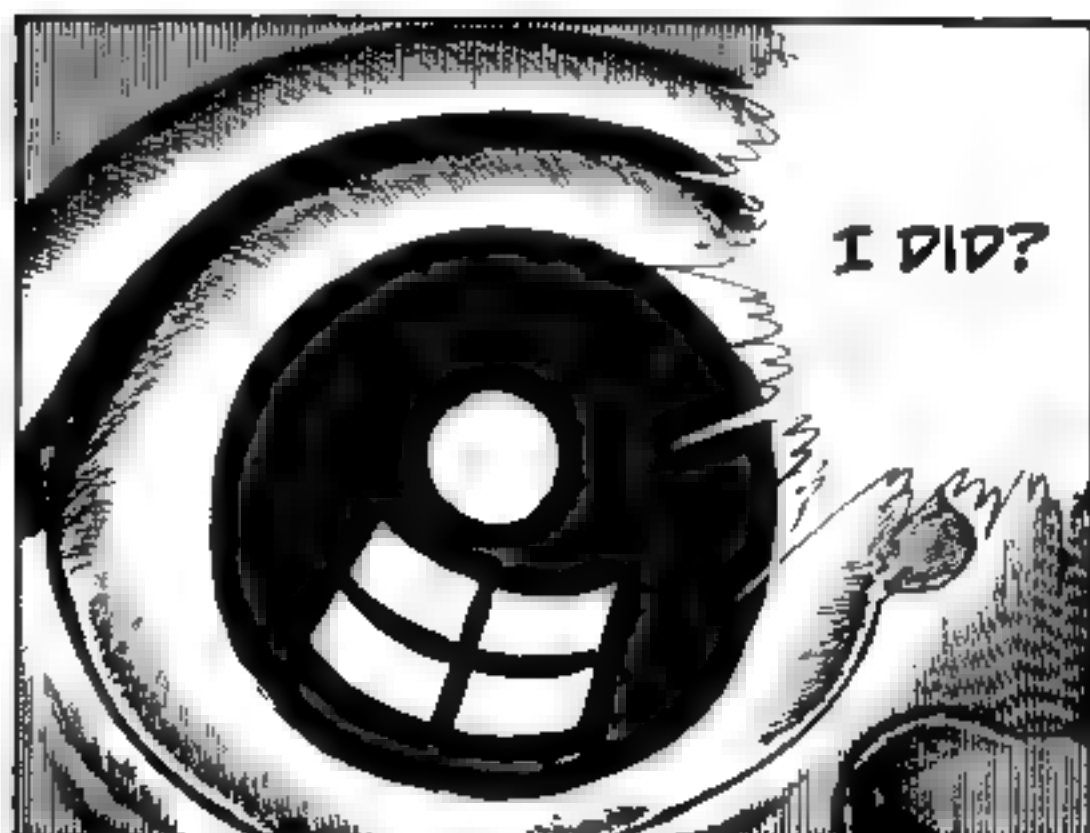
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEAS?



DR.
CHICKEN
GEORGE
!!



YOU SAID
YOU ERASED
YOUR MEMORY,
DIDN'T YOU?



YOU KNEW THAT
IMMORTALITY
WAS POSSIBLE,
BUT WOULD NOT BE
COMPLETED BECAUSE
OF SOMETHING,
AND ALSO THAT
ALL CHILDREN UNDER
TWO YEARS OF AGE
WOULD FINISH THEIR
LIVES WHEN THEY
REACH FOURTEEN
YEARS OF AGE!!





THERE'S
NO WAY.

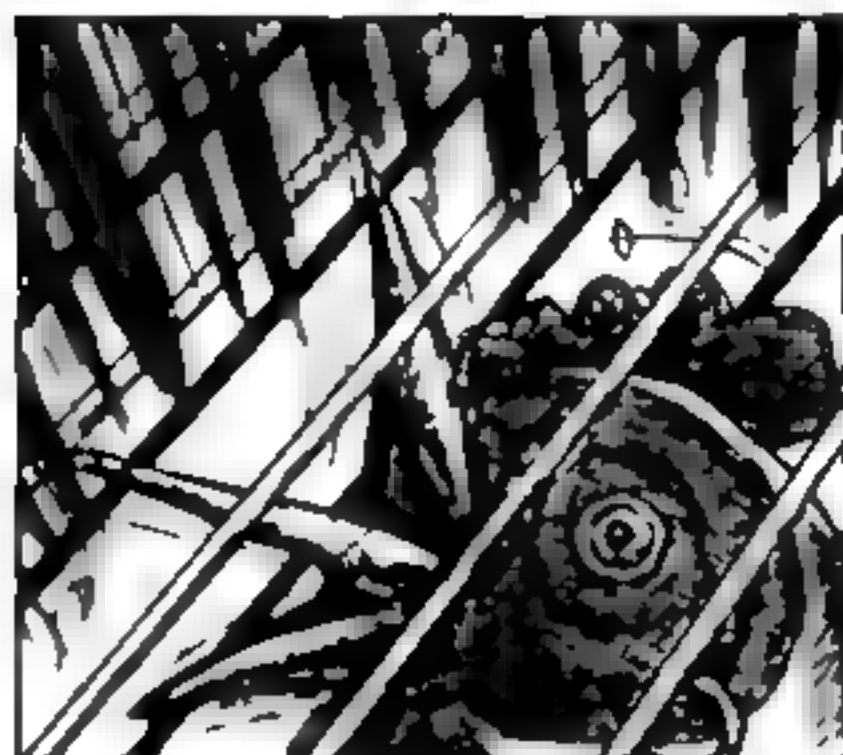


DR.
CHICKEN
GEORGE
!!



THERE'S
NO USE
TRYING
TO ACT
IGNORANT
!!





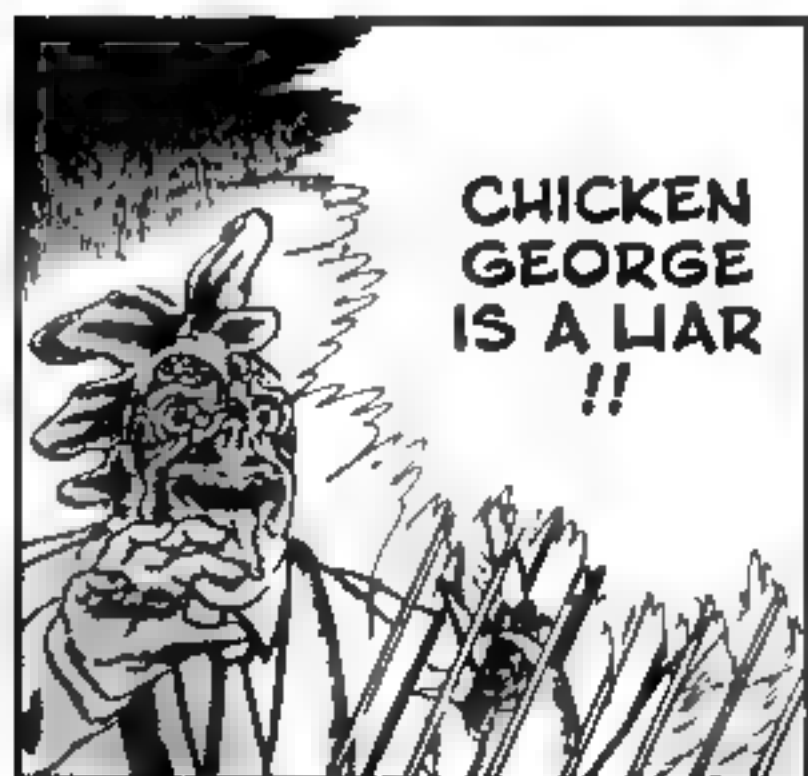
SFX FLAP FLAP

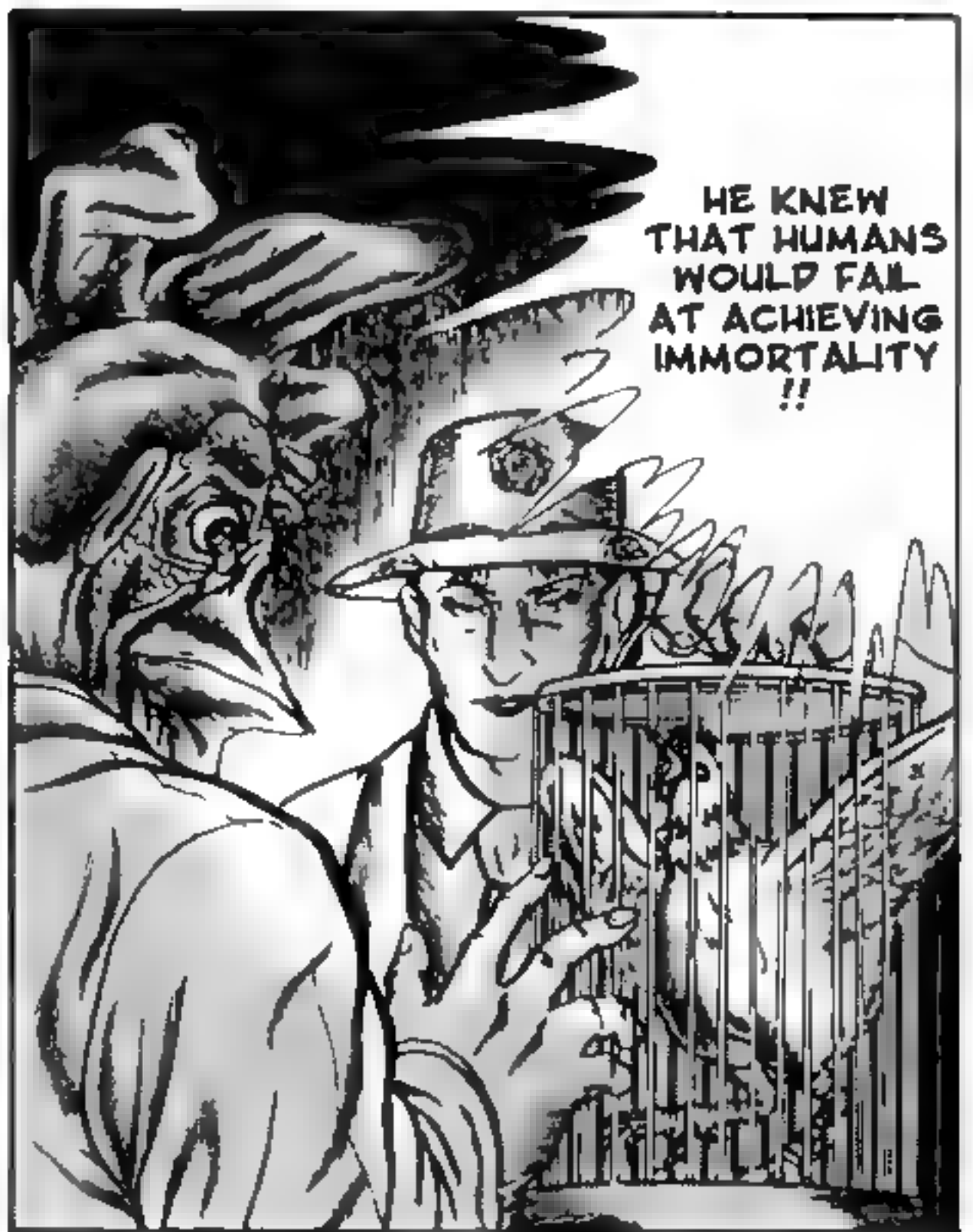


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HE ERASED
HIS MEMORIES
SO THAT NO
ONE FIND OUT
HIS SECRET!!



HE ERASED
HIS MEMORIES
SO THAT NO
ONE FIND OUT
HIS SECRET!!



HE ERASED
HIS MEMORIES
SO THAT NO
ONE FIND OUT
HIS SECRET!!



HE ERASED
HIS MEMORIES
SO THAT NO
ONE FIND OUT
HIS SECRET!!







BARBARA!



THAT'S
RIGHT,
THAT'S
HER.

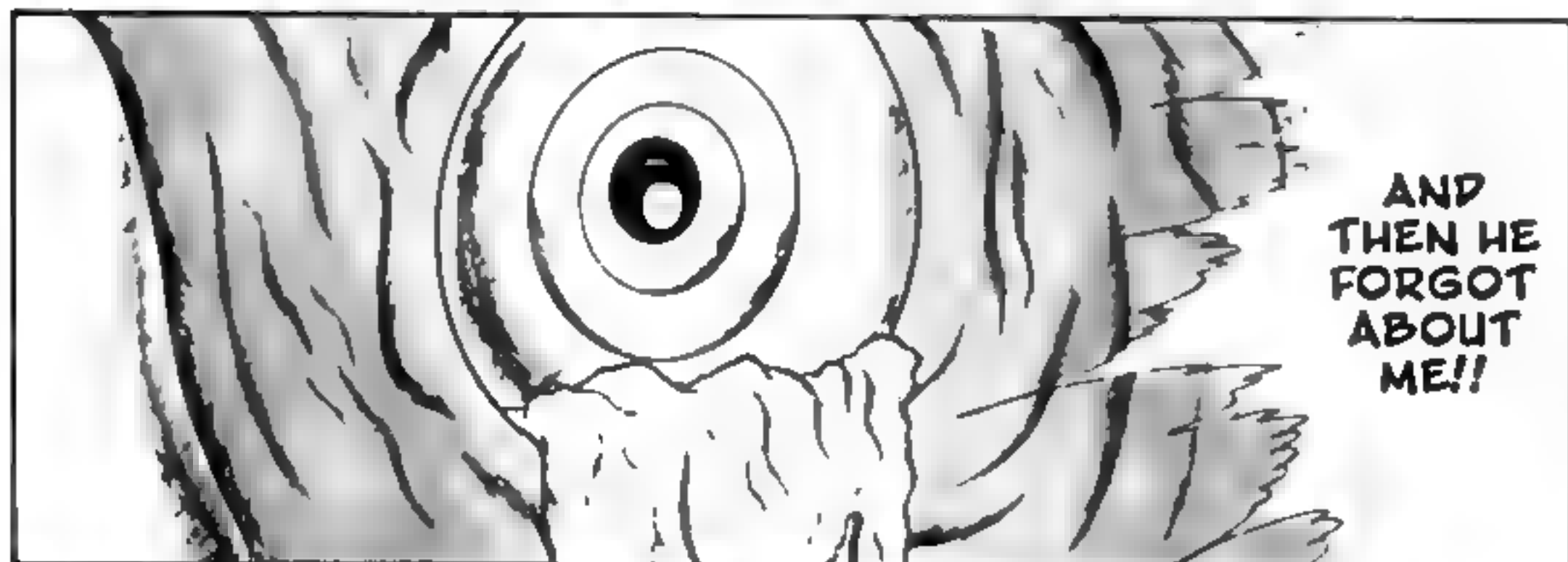


THAT
WOMAN
SEDUCED
CHICKEN
GEORGE.





HE WAS
TRYING TO LET
THE ANIMALS
ESCAPE INTO
OUTER SPACE,
BUT THEN THAT
WOMAN MADE
HIM STOP!



AND
THEN HE
FORGOT
ABOUT
ME!!



WELL,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE?!



SO,
IT'S
CLEAR
WHAT
YOU'RE
HIDING.



BUT THAT
DOESN'T CHANGE
THE FACT THAT
THIS CHICKEN IS
JUST PARROTING
FOOLISH RUBBISH!



DR.
CHICKEN GEORGE,
WOULD YOU BE
KIND ENOUGH TO
TELL US THE
TRUTH?



I DON'T
WANT TO DO THIS,
BUT I WANT TO
PROVE TO YOU THAT
I'M SERIOUS HERE.



IF
YOU CAN
REALLY
COMPLETE
THE IMMORTALITY
SERUM,
...



I FEEL
THE SAME
WAY!!



...THEN
LET'S SEE
YOU DO IT.



WE ARE
THE KANE-
MATSUS...
BROTHERS.



HMPH.



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SFX. PEN.



DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE IS
CLEARLY KEEPING
A SECRET
FROM US!!

FOR HE ACTS
LIKE A HUMAN,
YET IS ACTUALLY
A FOOLISH,
USELESS CREATURE,
SO HIS INTELLIGENCE
CAN NOT BE
TRUSTED.



THIS IS
JUST MY
PERSONAL
OPINION,
BUT THE
VERY SIGHT
OF THAT
CREATURE
IS VOMIT-
INDUCING.



I WANT
TO PROVE
THAT HE IS
A FAKE.



HE'S HIDING A
GREAT INTELLIGENCE
IN HIS HEART FAR
SUPERIOR THAN
ANYTHING WE CAN
EVEN BEGIN TO
IMAGINE.



NO,
BROTHER,
I THINK
YOU'RE
MISTAKEN.

AND I
WANT TO
PROVE
THAT HE
POSSESSES
THAT
INTELLI-
GENCE!!





HMPH!!



**YOU'RE
ALWAYS SO
UNREALISTIC!!**



**EITHER WAY,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE,
WHEN WE THINK
ABOUT DISCOVERING
THE TRUTH TO
YOUR SECRET,
IT FILLS US WITH
MIRTH.**



**HOOO,
HOOO,
HOOO!**



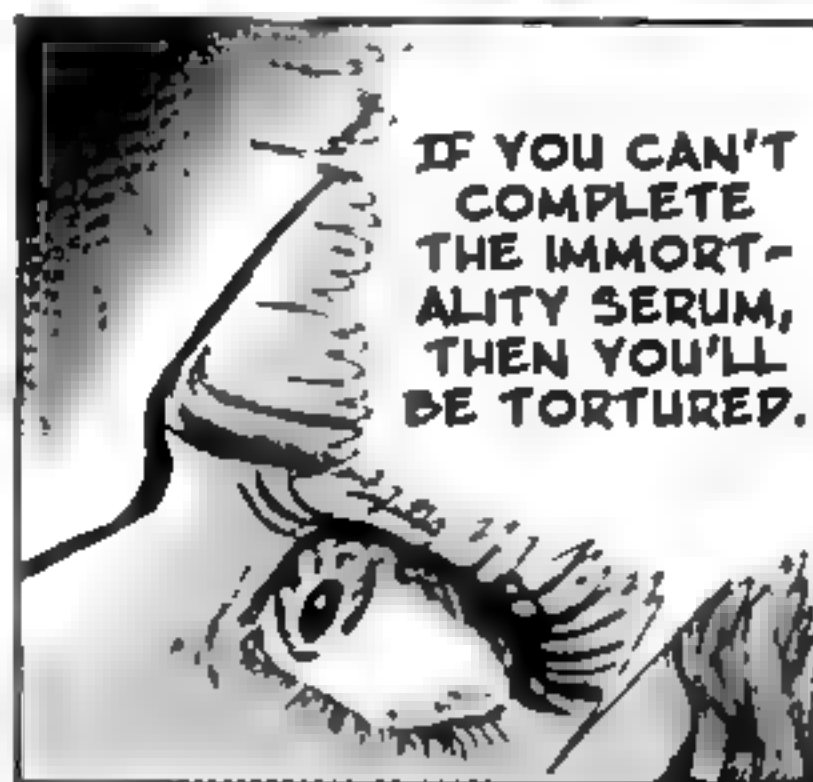
GUORGU--



**THAT'S WHY
YOU MUST
COMPLETE IT
BEFORE THEY
RESORT TO THAT.
I KNOW YOU
CAN DO IT!**



**YOU'RE
IN A VERY
DANGEROUS
POSITION
NOW.**



**IF YOU CAN'T
COMPLETE
THE IMMORT-
ALITY SERUM,
THEN YOU'LL
BE TORTURED.**



HOOO,
HOOO,
HOOO!



HE CAN'T
COMPLETE
IT!

DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE
ERASED HIS
MEMORIES!



EXACTLY!!
NOW BEGIN
AT ONCE!



OPEN
THE
DOOR!!

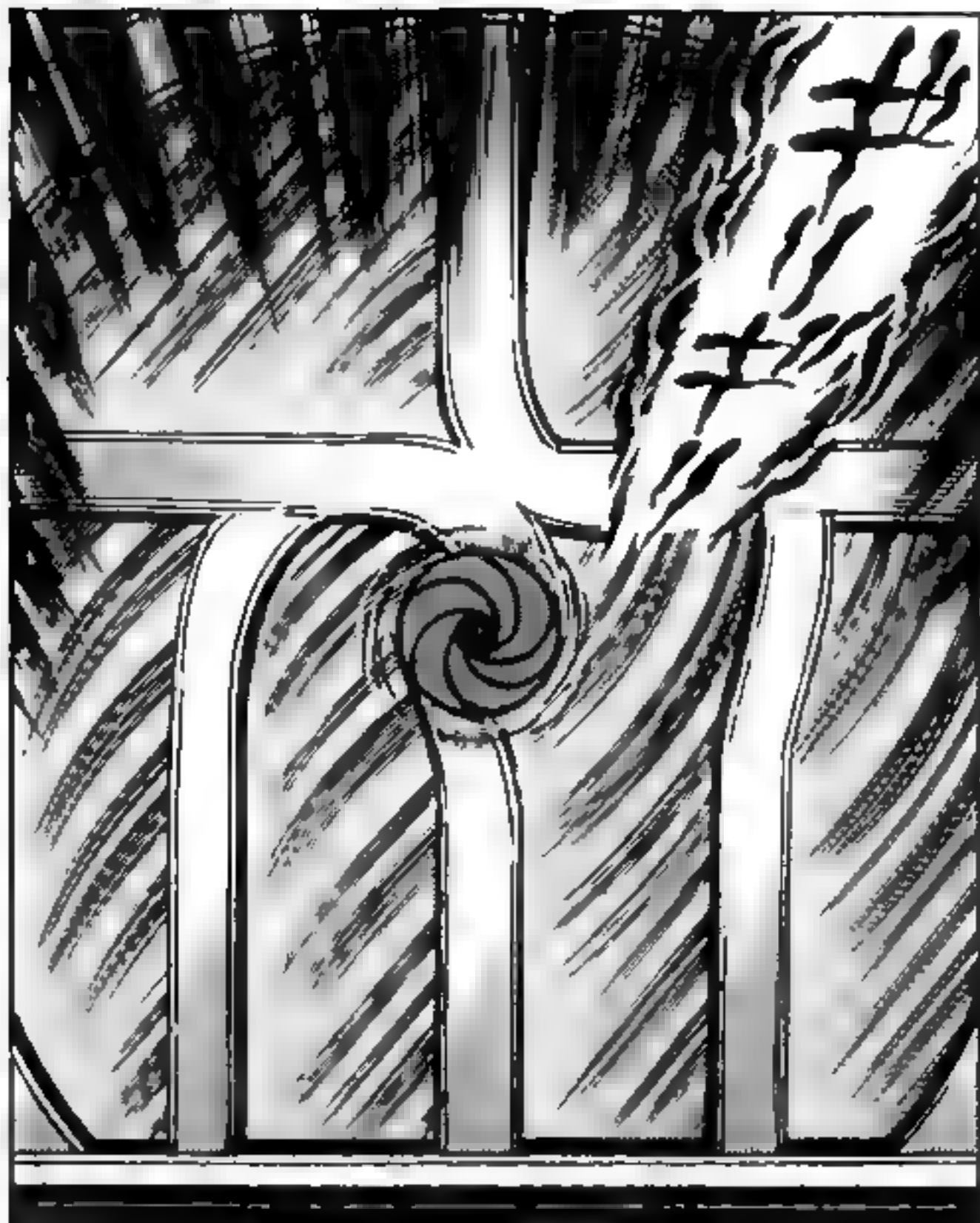
ONCE YOU
SEE WHAT'S
WITHIN THAT
LABORATORY,
YOU'LL HAVE
NO CHOICE BUT
TO COMPLETE
THE SERUM.



S-S-SERUM...



NOW
OPEN
THAT
DOOR.



SFX. SCREEEEEEEECH.



HIIEEE!



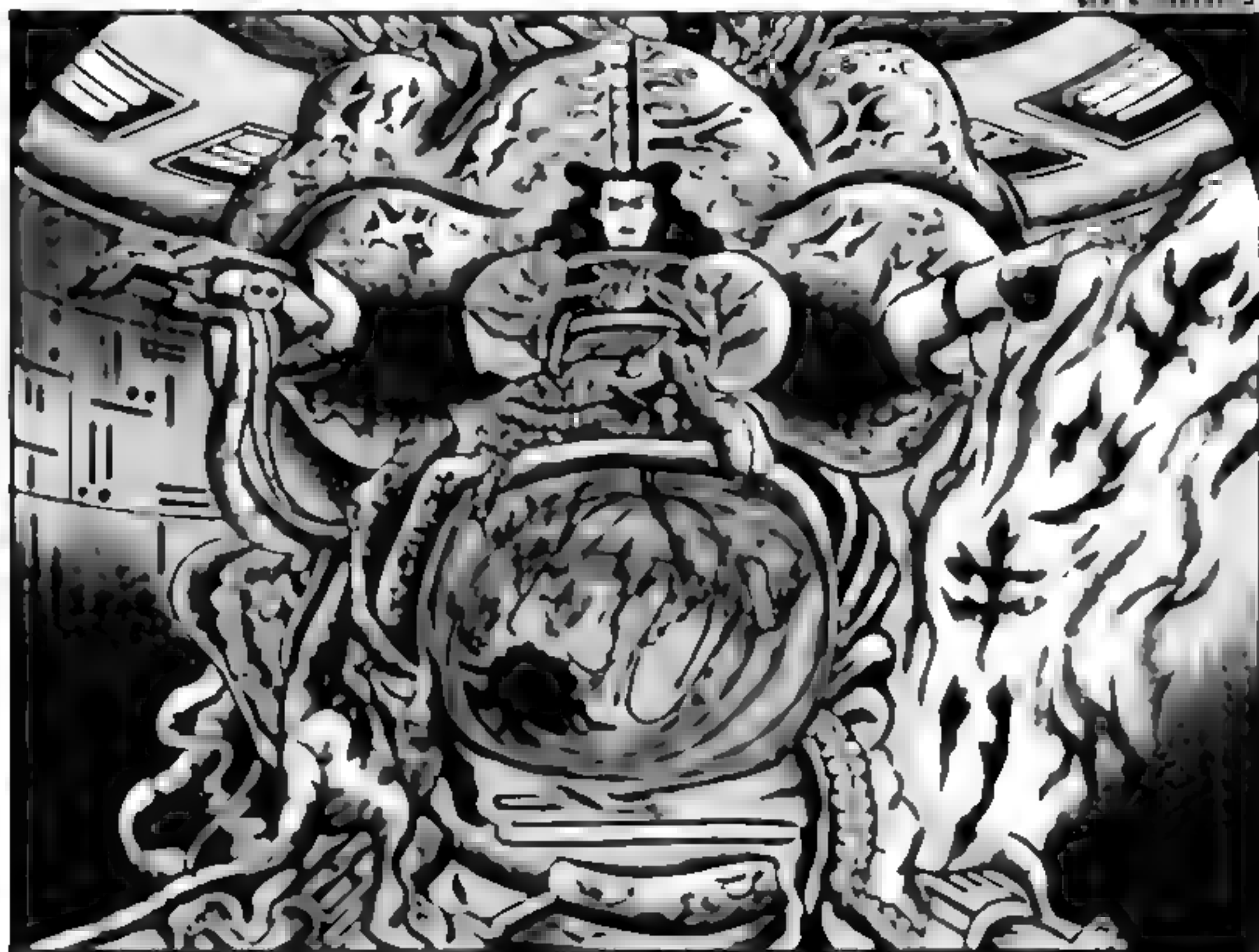
SFX. KA-CHAK.



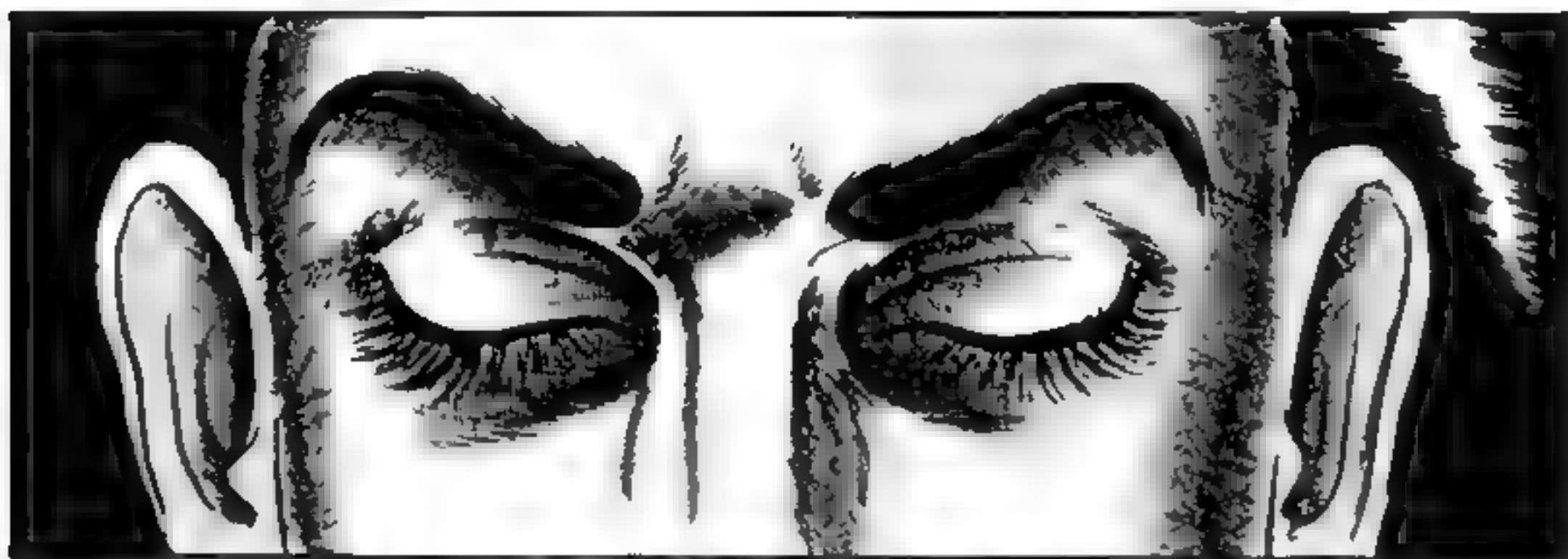
SFX. SCREEECH...

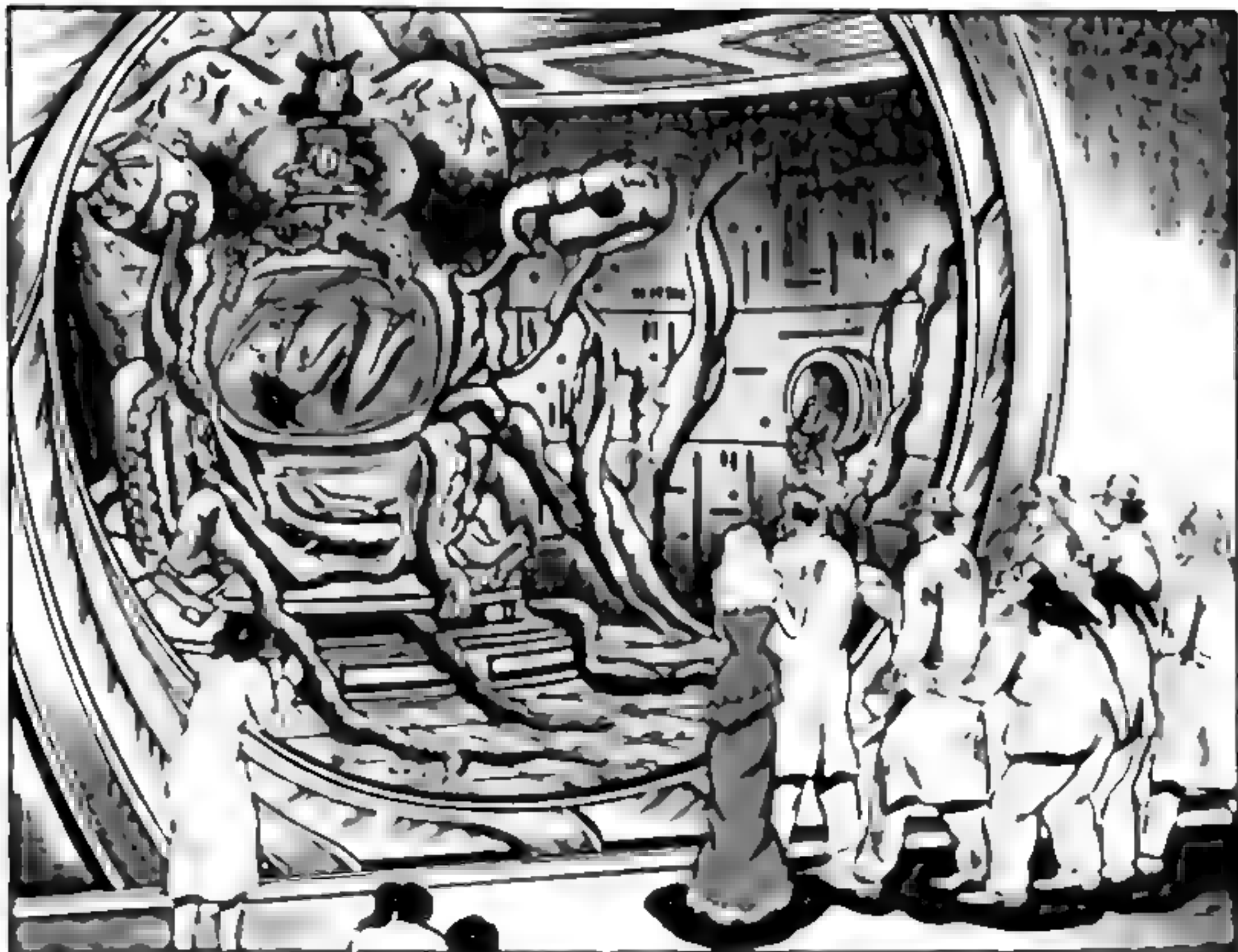


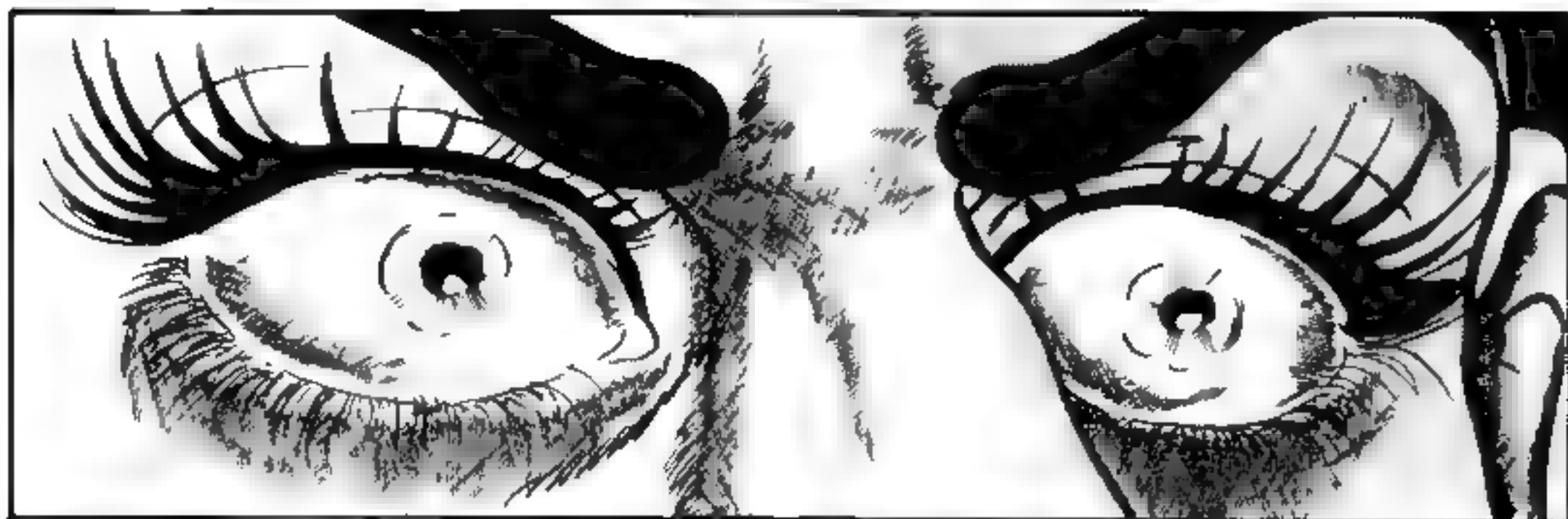
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KWAAAAHHH...



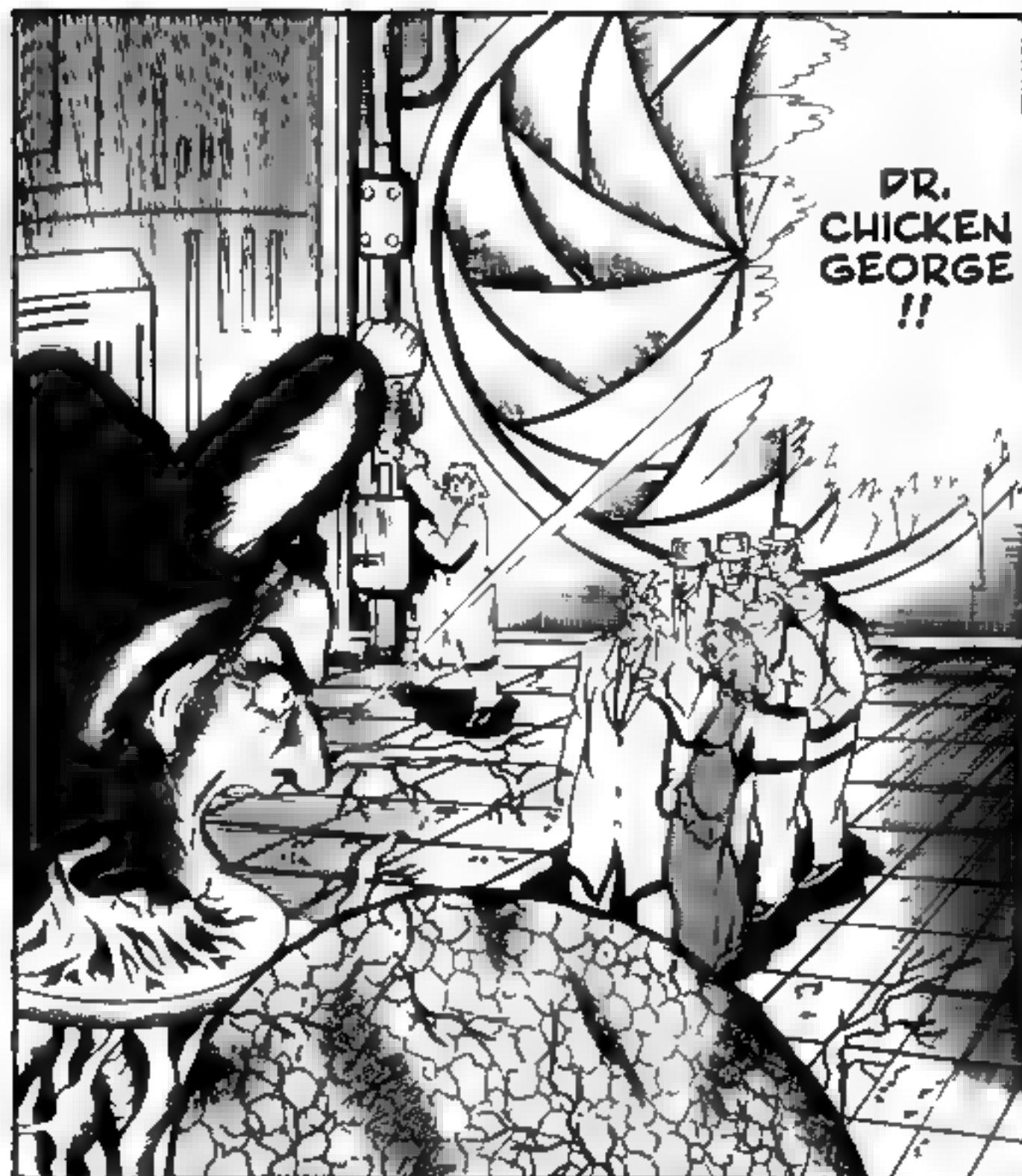
WHAT WILL
YOU EXPECT ME
TO DO IF THIS
GROTESQUE
BODY IS CAUGHT
BY SOME
FREQUENCY AND
BROADCASTED
ON TV?!



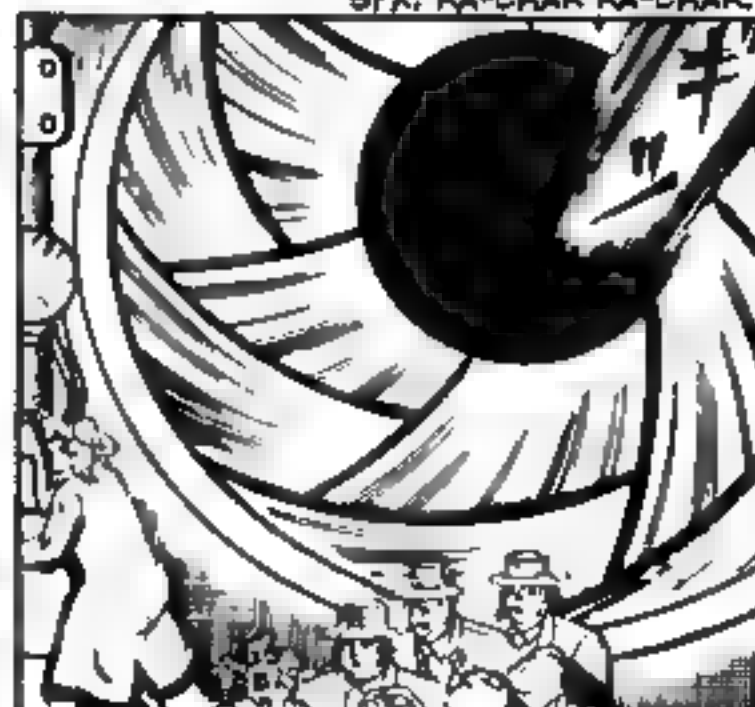
Y-YES,
GRAND
MASTER.



HURRY UP
AND GET
IN HERE,
AND THEN
CLOSE THE
DOOR!!

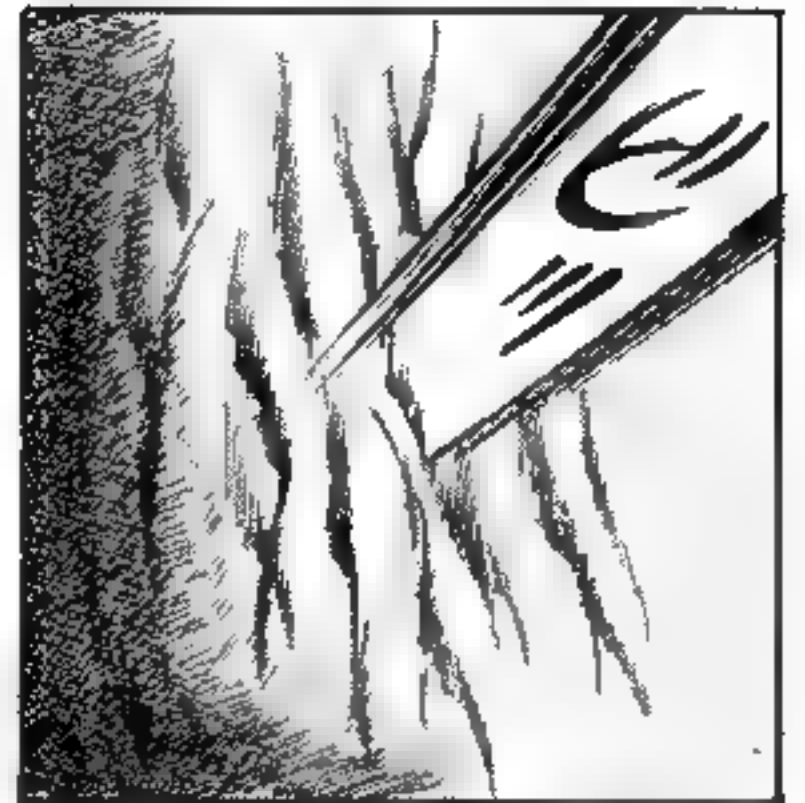
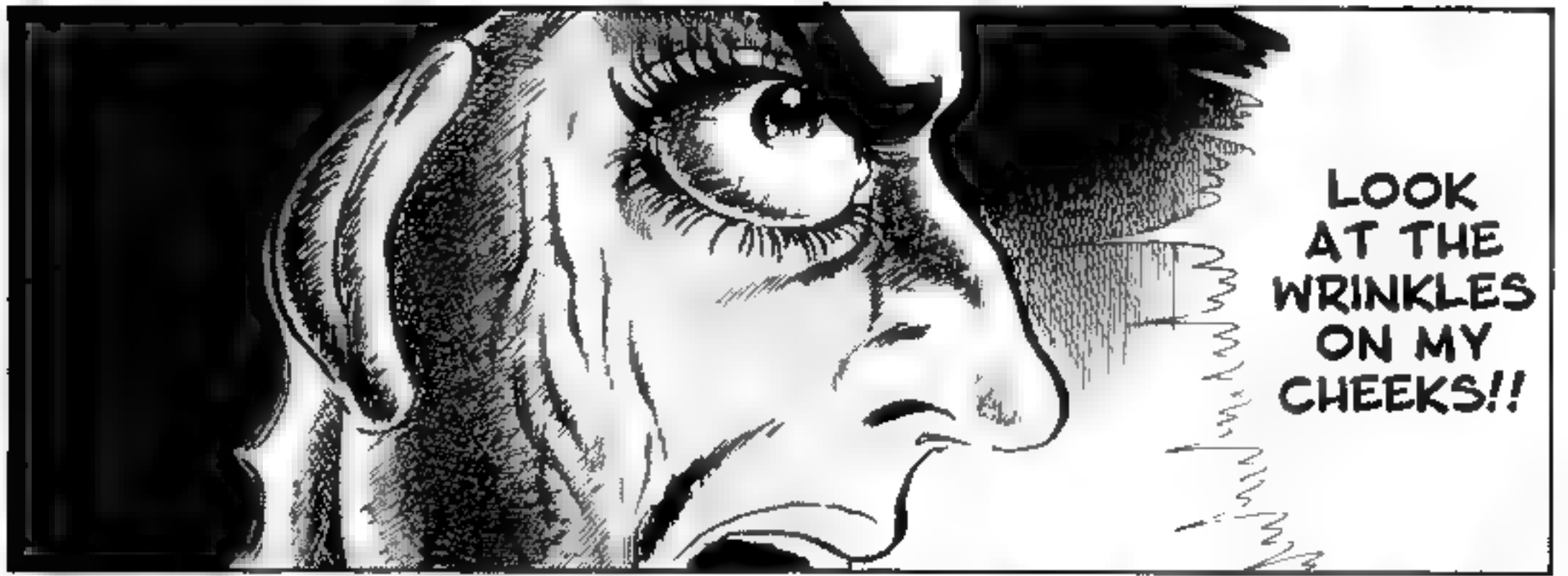


SFX: KA-CHAK KA-CHAK



SFX: SCREECH





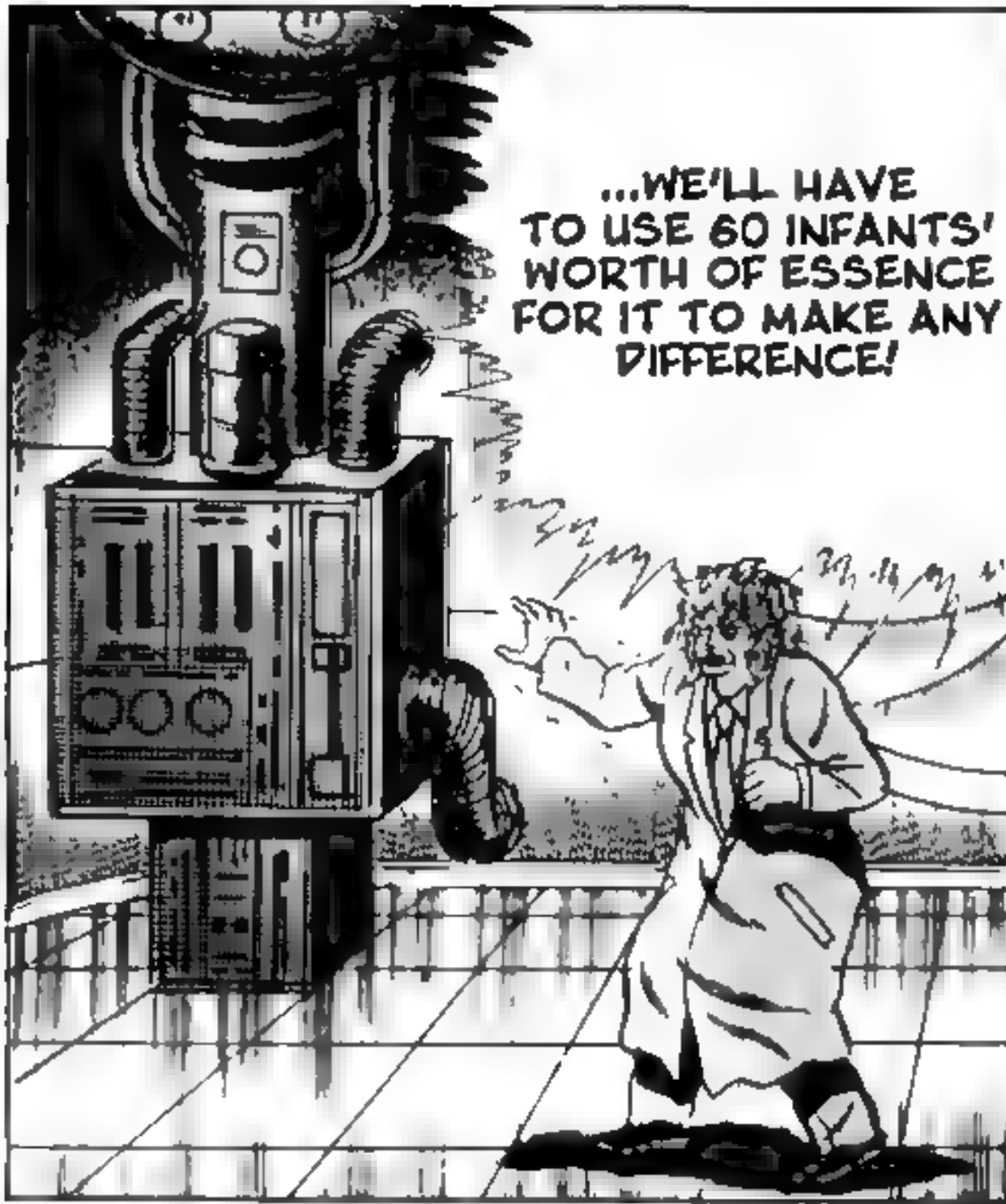
SFX: TREMBLE.





SFX: SPLAT





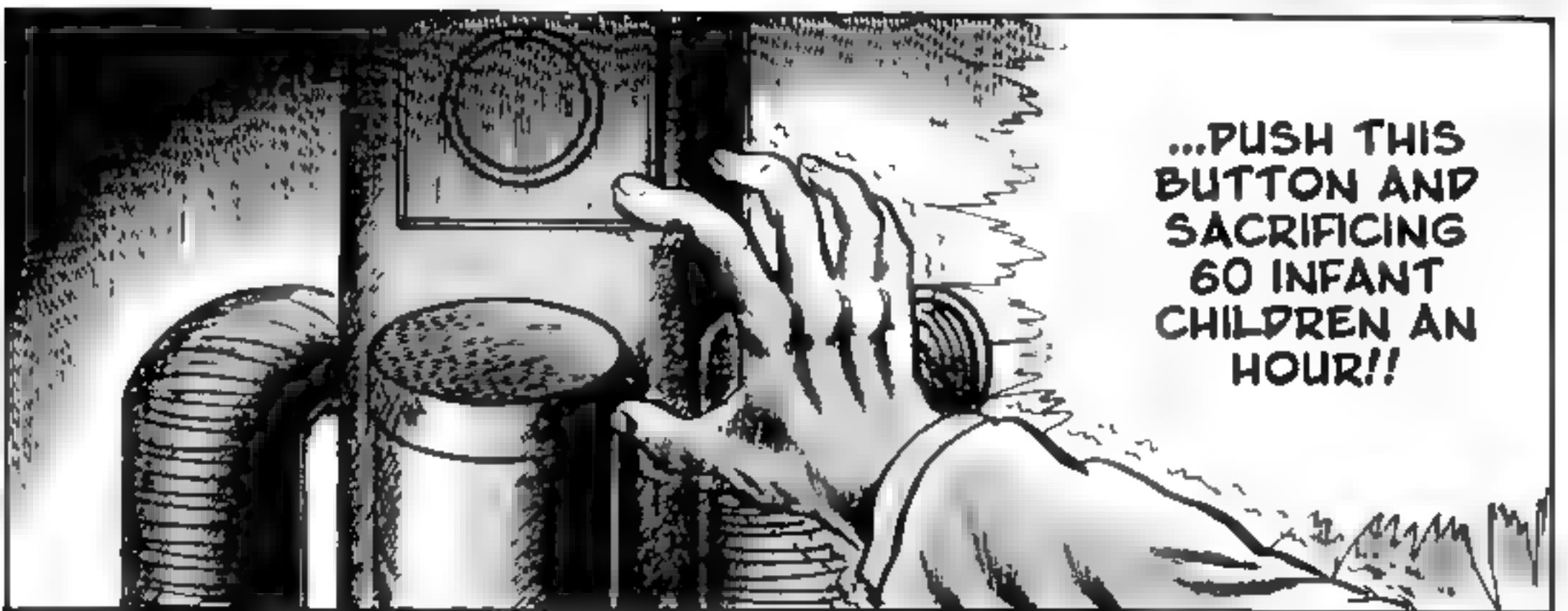
...WE'LL HAVE
TO USE 60 INFANTS'
WORTH OF ESSENCE
FOR IT TO MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE!



H-HOW-
EVER,
...



B-BUT
THAT
MEANS
WE'LL
HAVE
TO...



...PUSH THIS
BUTTON AND
SACRIFICING
60 INFANT
CHILDREN AN
HOUR!!



6FX R22P



6FX GA-CHAK



6FX DUNG.



6FX GA-CHAK



SFX GA-CHAK



SFX SPURT



SFX TREMBLE TREMBLE



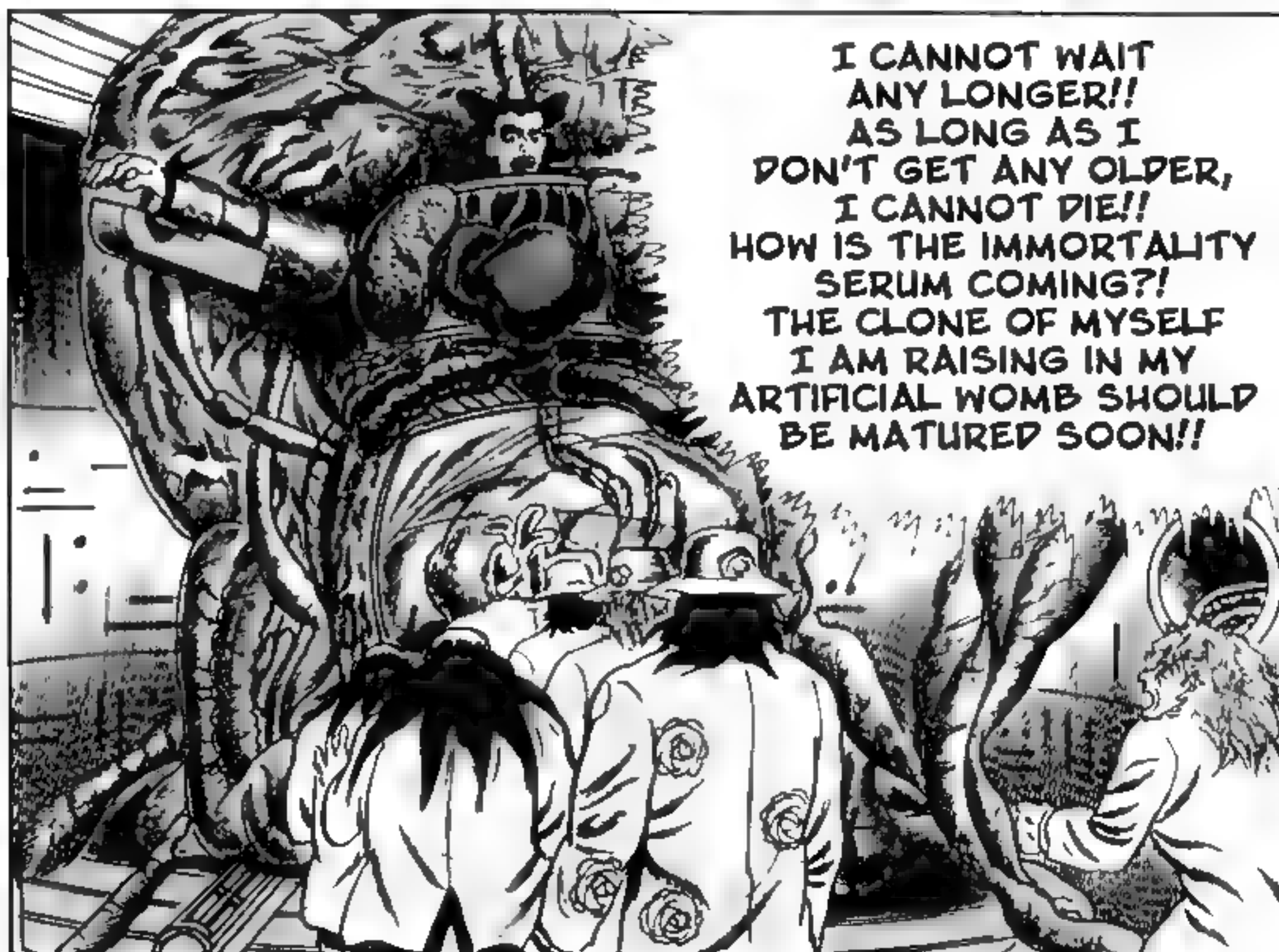
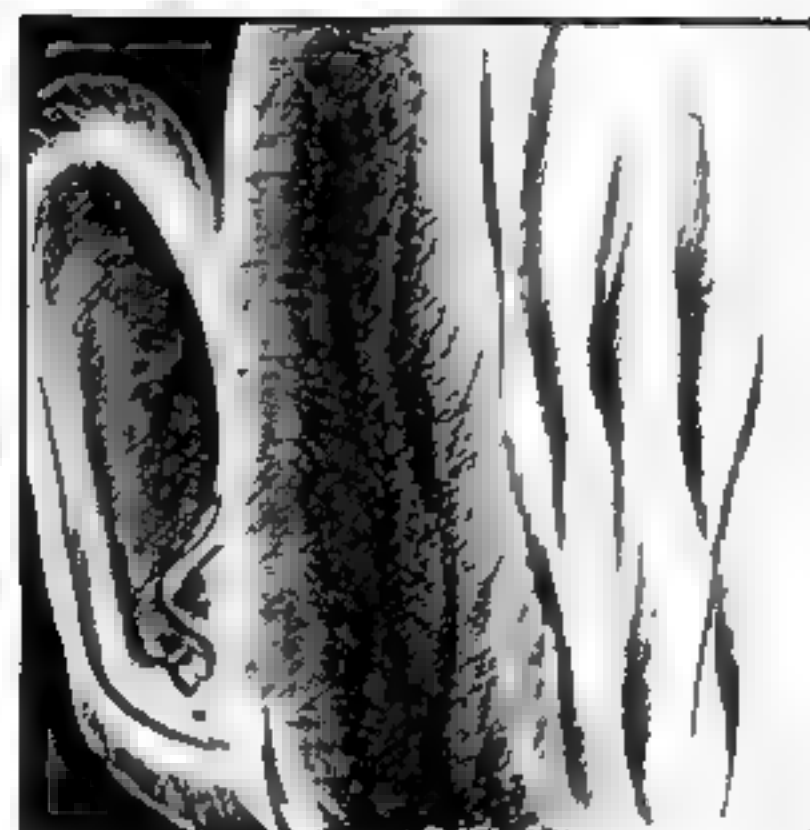
SFX SPURT



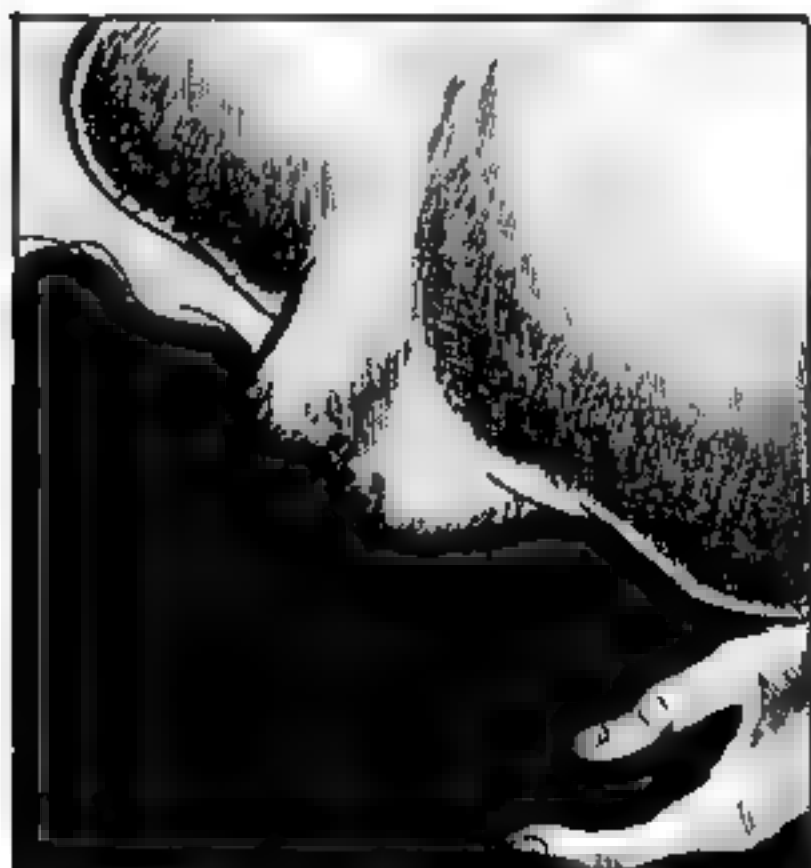
AHH,
DELIC-
IOUS.



SFX SPURT



**I CANNOT WAIT
ANY LONGER!!
AS LONG AS I
DON'T GET ANY OLDER,
I CANNOT DIE!!
HOW IS THE IMMORTALITY
SERUM COMING?!
THE CLONE OF MYSELF
I AM RAISING IN MY
ARTIFICIAL WOMB SHOULD
BE MATURED SOON!!**





SFX. CRACK.



GEHHHH
!!

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SHALL I
BREAK
ANOTHER?



HUH
...?!



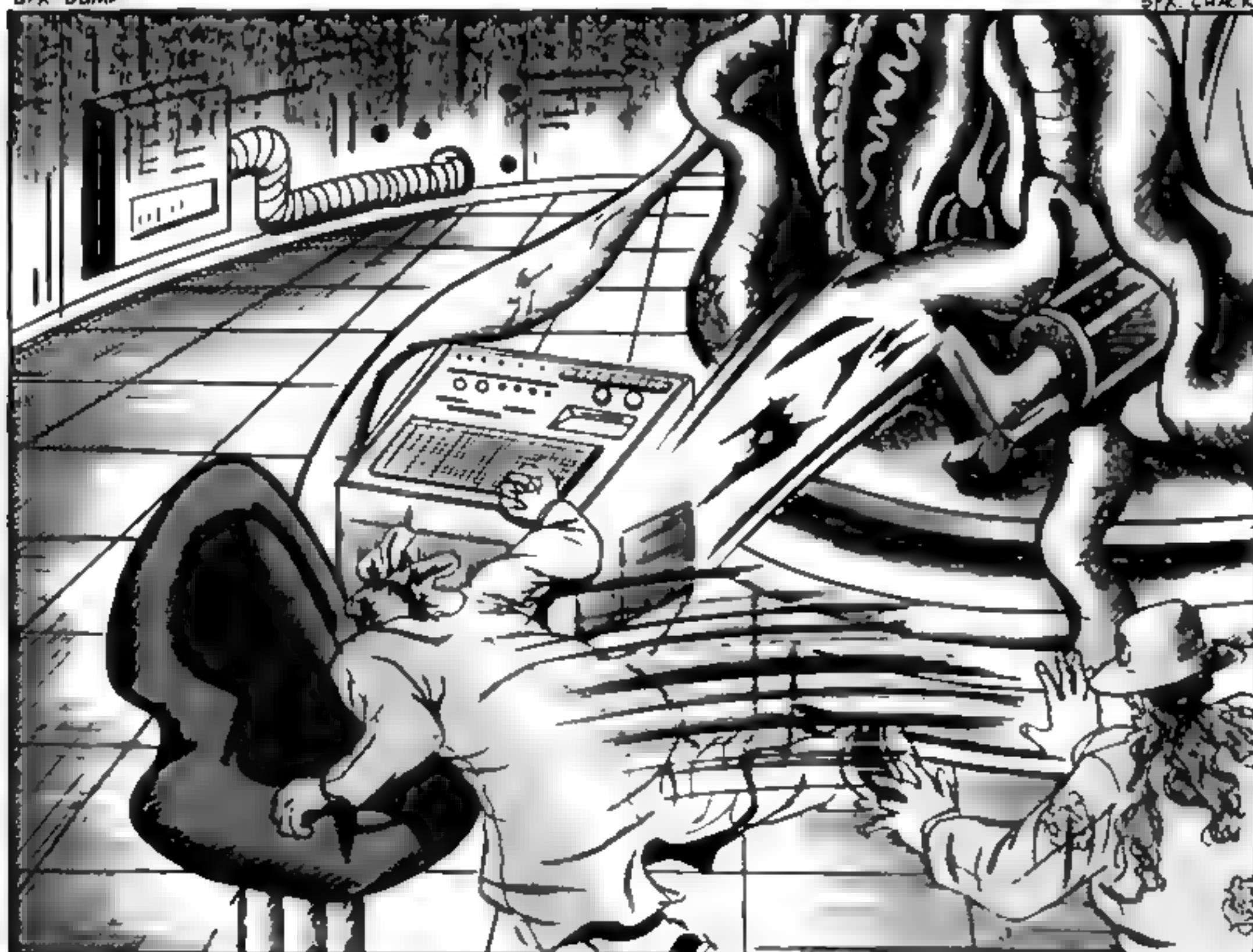
UUUU!!



SFX: BUMP



SFX: CRACK



SFX: BAM



COMPLETE
THE
IMMOR-
TALITY
SERUM!!



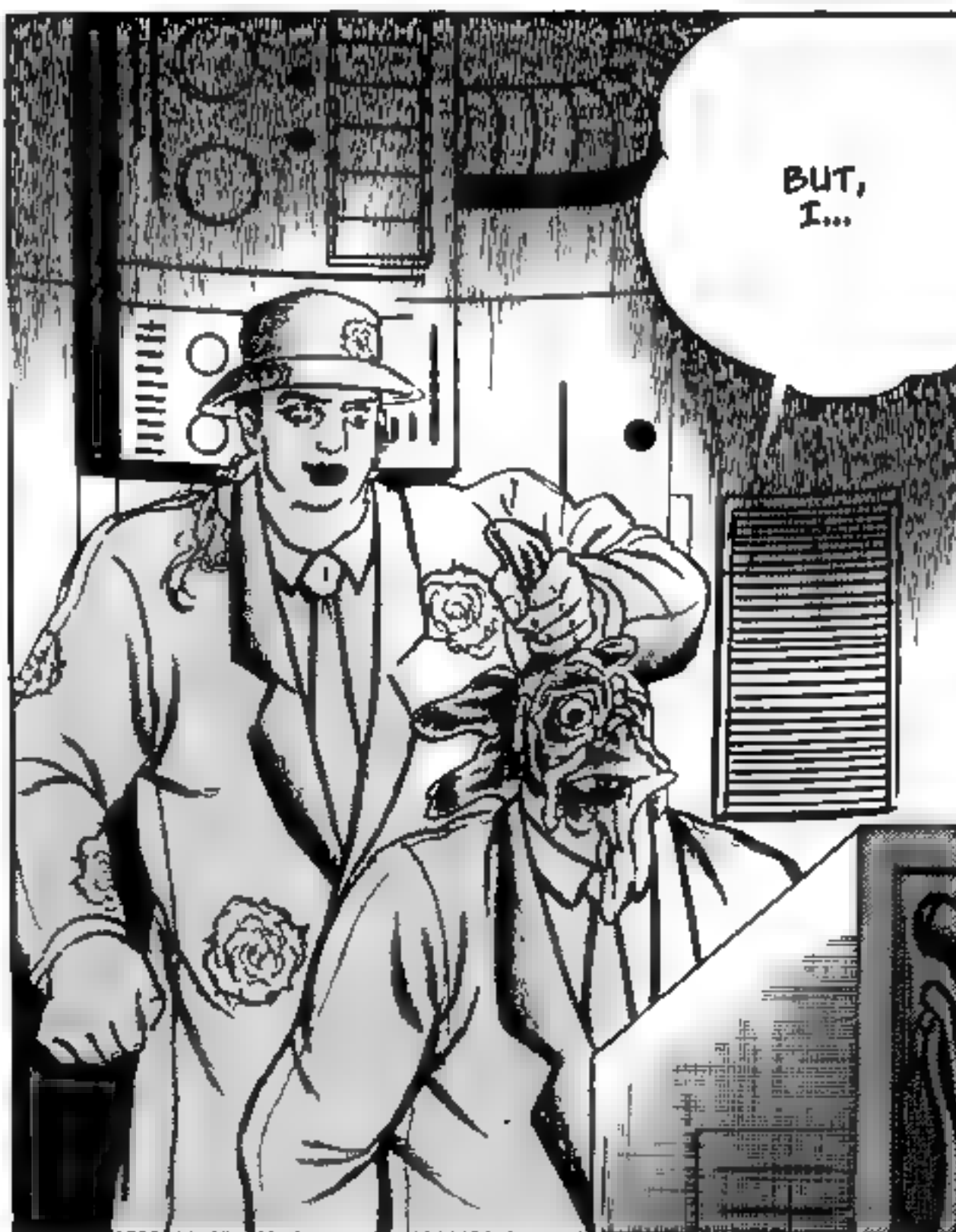
THAT'S
THE ONLY
WAY FOR
YOU TO BE
SAVED!!



CHICKEN
GEORGE
!!



...HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT
TO DO.



BUT,
I...



SFX: SLIDE.



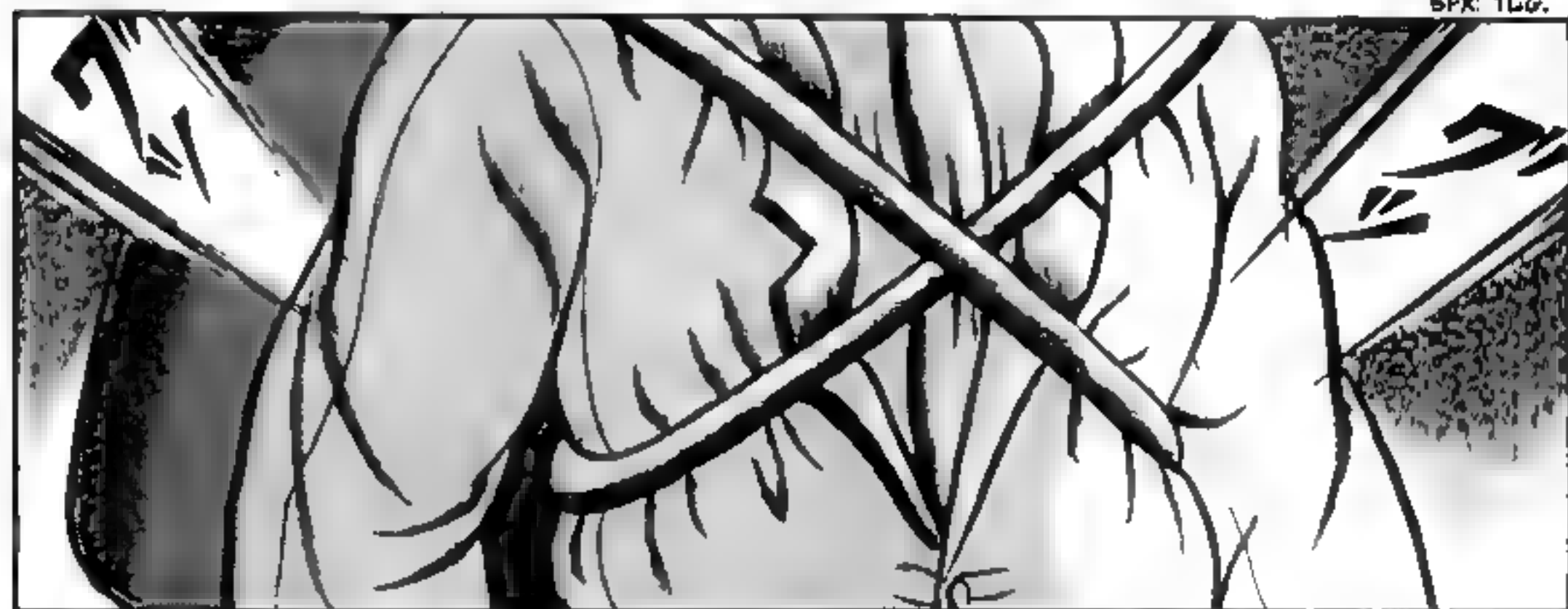
SFX: WHIP WHIP.



SFX: SHOOP



SFX: TLG.





LYNCH



PRIMITIVE
METHODS
ARE THE BEST
FOR GETTING
PEOPLE TO
REMEMBER
THINGS!!



SFX: WHIP



SFX: SNAP



HOW'S THAT?!



RE-
MEMBER
NOW?!



UUUUUU!



UUUUUU!



UUUUUU!



I CAN'T
REMEMBER
SOMETHING
I DON'T
KNOW.





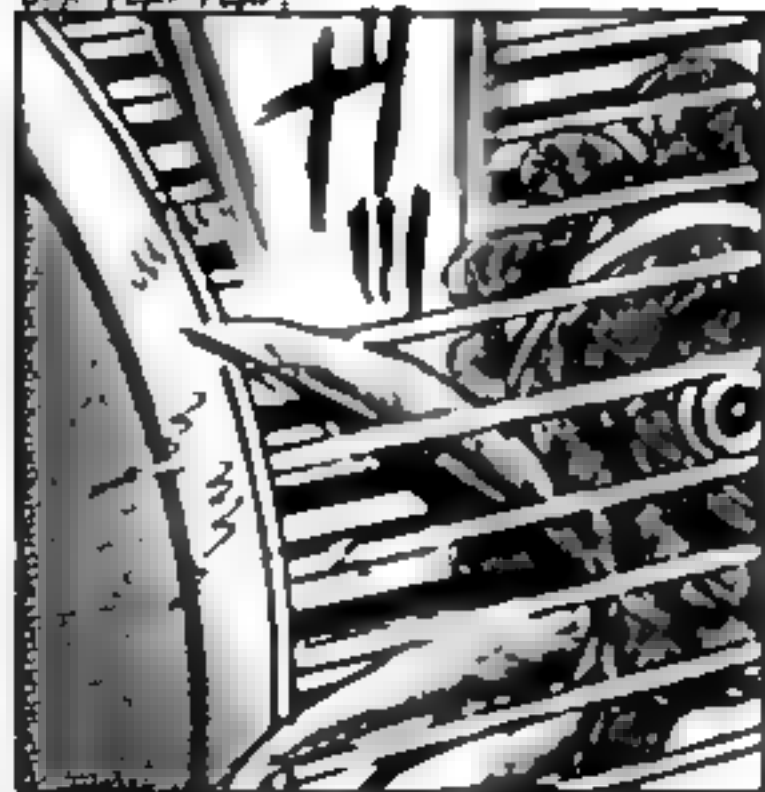
WHAT'S
THAT?!



I DON'T
KNOW ANY-
THING!!



SFX FLAP FLAP



SFX CLAW



IT'S
THAT
WOMAN'S
FAULT!



HE ERASED
HIS MEMORIES
ON PURPOSE!



HE ERASED
HIS MEMORIES
SO HE COULD
BE TOGETHER
WITH THAT
WOMAN!



HE KNEW THAT
IMMORTALITY WASN'T
POSSIBLE FROM THE BEGINNING!!
AND IF THAT WAS FOUND OUT
THEN CHICKEN GEORGE KNEW
HE WOULD NO LONGER BE NEEDED,
SO HE PURPOSEFULLY
ERASED HIS MEMORIES!!
IMMORTALITY WAS IMPOSSIBLE
TO BEGIN WITH!!





HURRY UP
AND FEED
ME ITS
BLOOOOOD
!!

GRRRRR,
THIS IS
STARTING TO
PISS ME OFF!!
MY CLONE
SHOULD
ALREADY BE
IMMORTAL BY
NOW!

SFX: CLANG.



SFX: CLANG.



FEED
MEEEEEE
!!

SFX: CLANG.



SFX: RRRIP



UUUUUU
!!



HURRY
UP AND
BEGIIIN
!!

SFX: BASH.



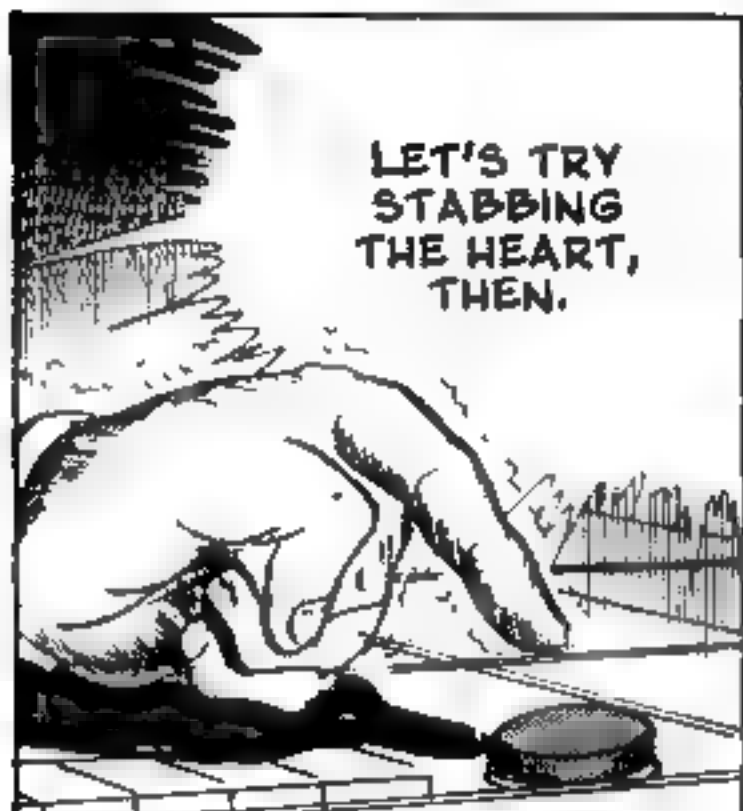
AS FOR
WHETHER
OR NOT
IMMORTALITY
IS POSSIBLE
...



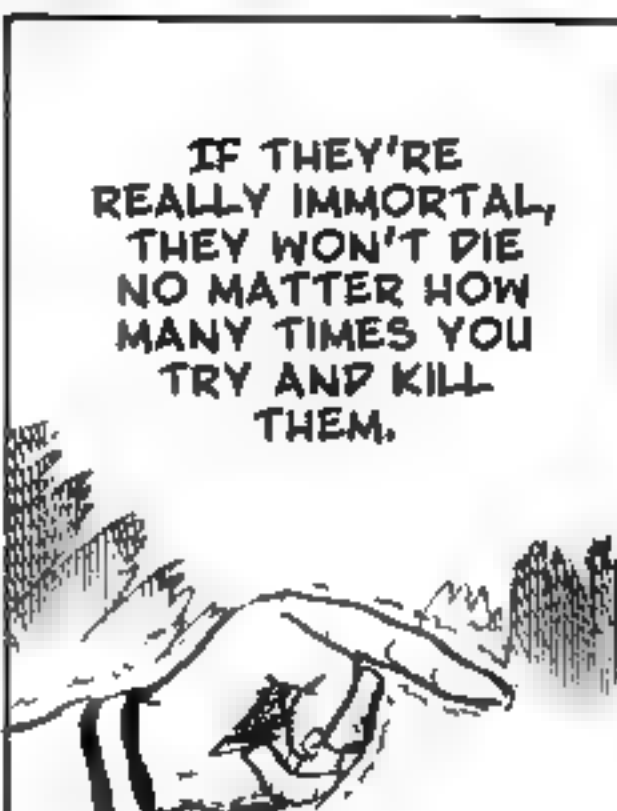
I THINK
I'LL GIVE
IT A TRY!



BAR-
BARA
...



LET'S TRY
STABBING
THE HEART,
THEN.



IF THEY'RE
REALLY IMMORTAL,
THEY WON'T DIE
NO MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES YOU
TRY AND KILL
THEM.

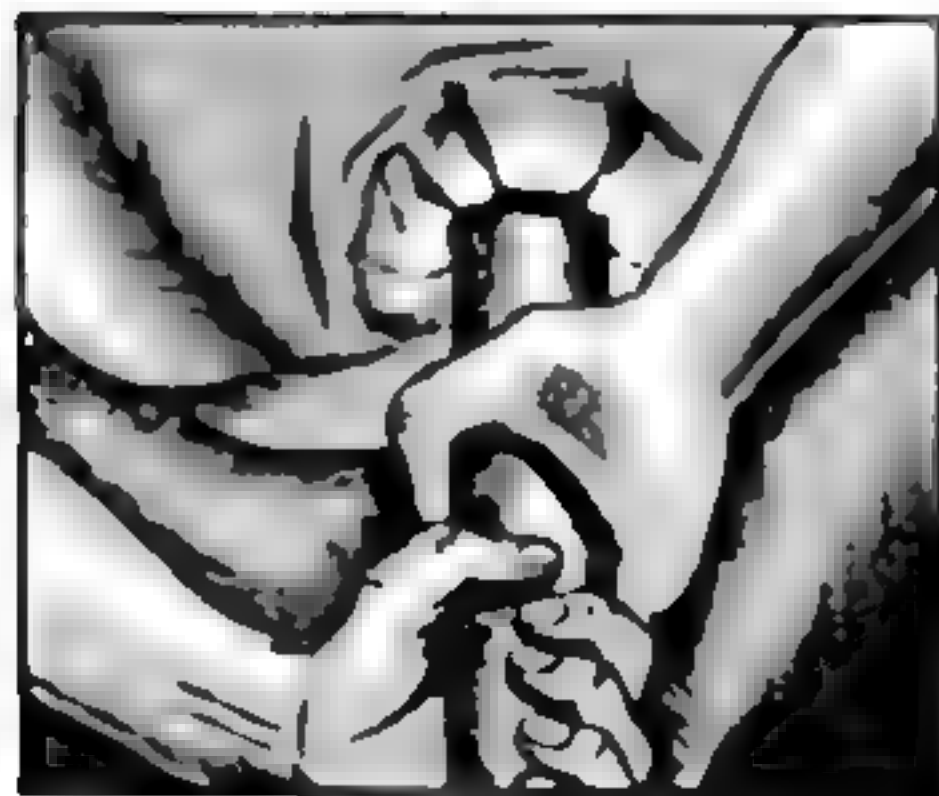


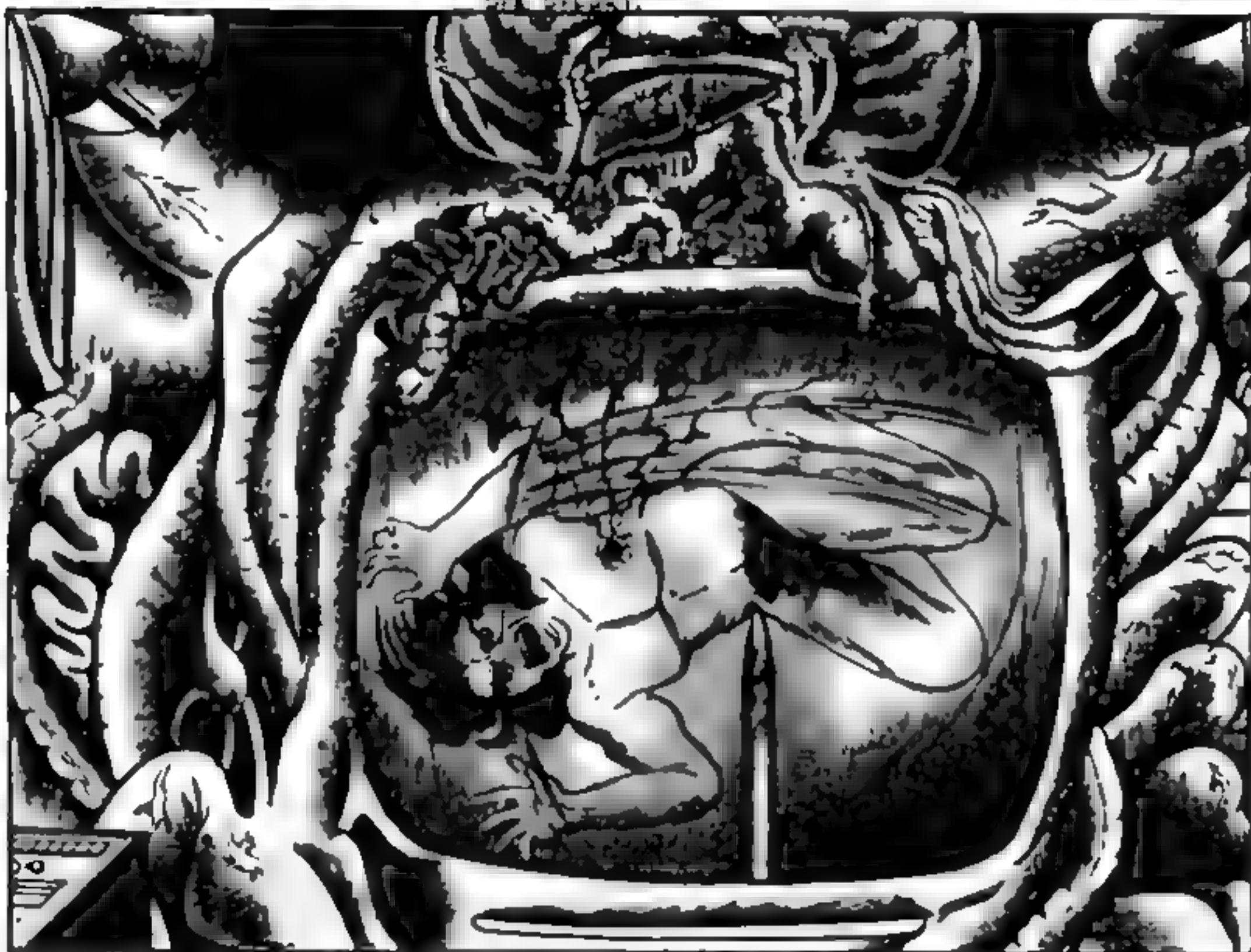
...IF YOU
TRY AND KILL
THE CELLS,
YOU'LL KNOW
FOR SURE.



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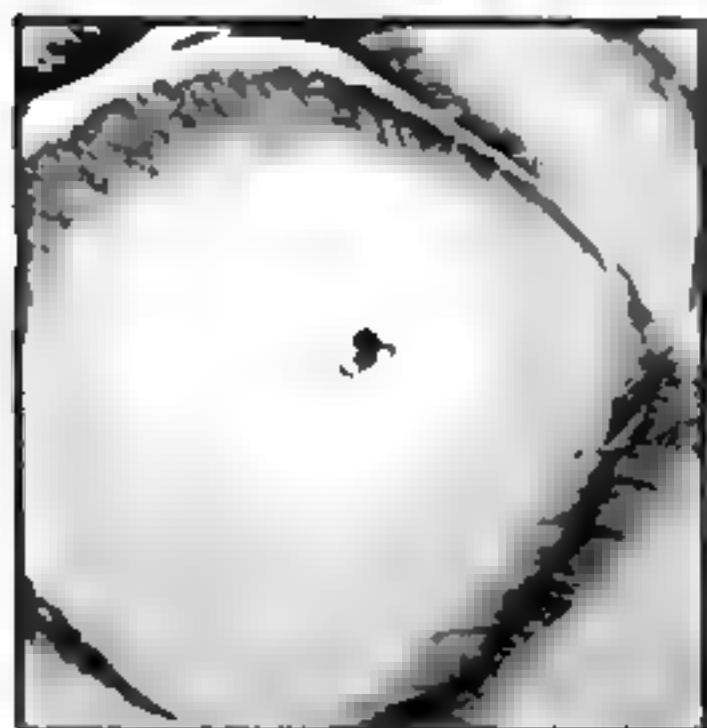


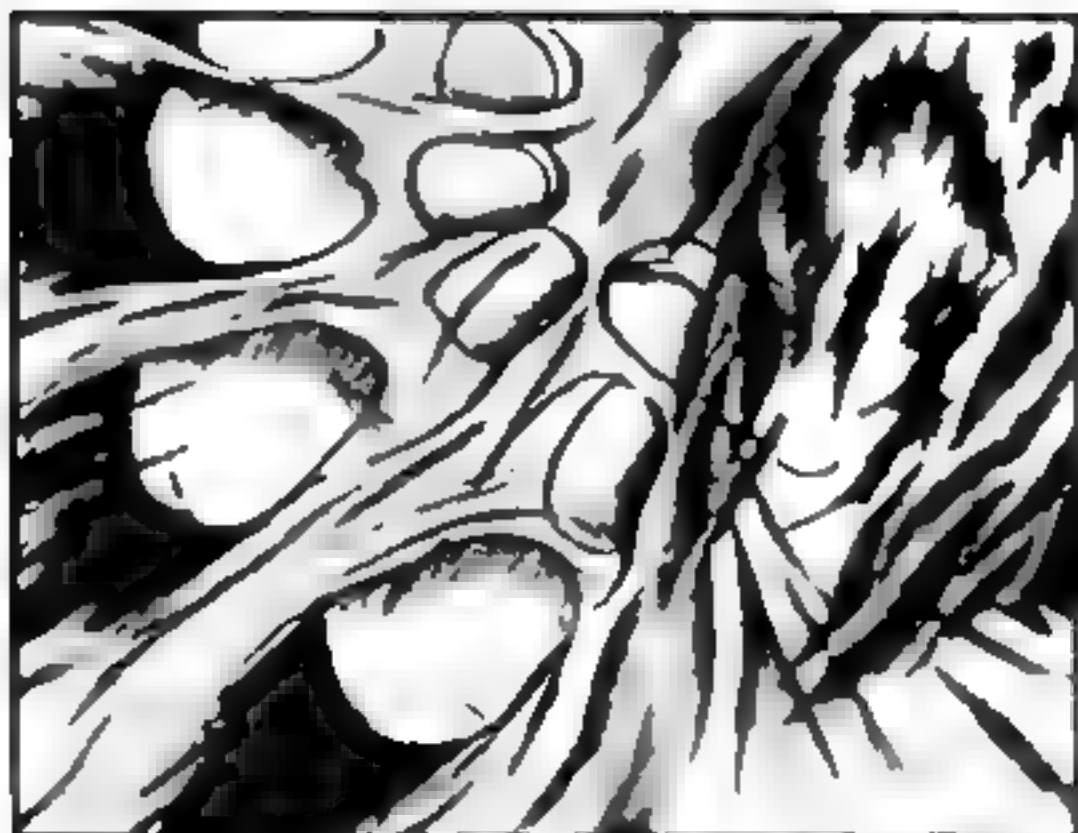








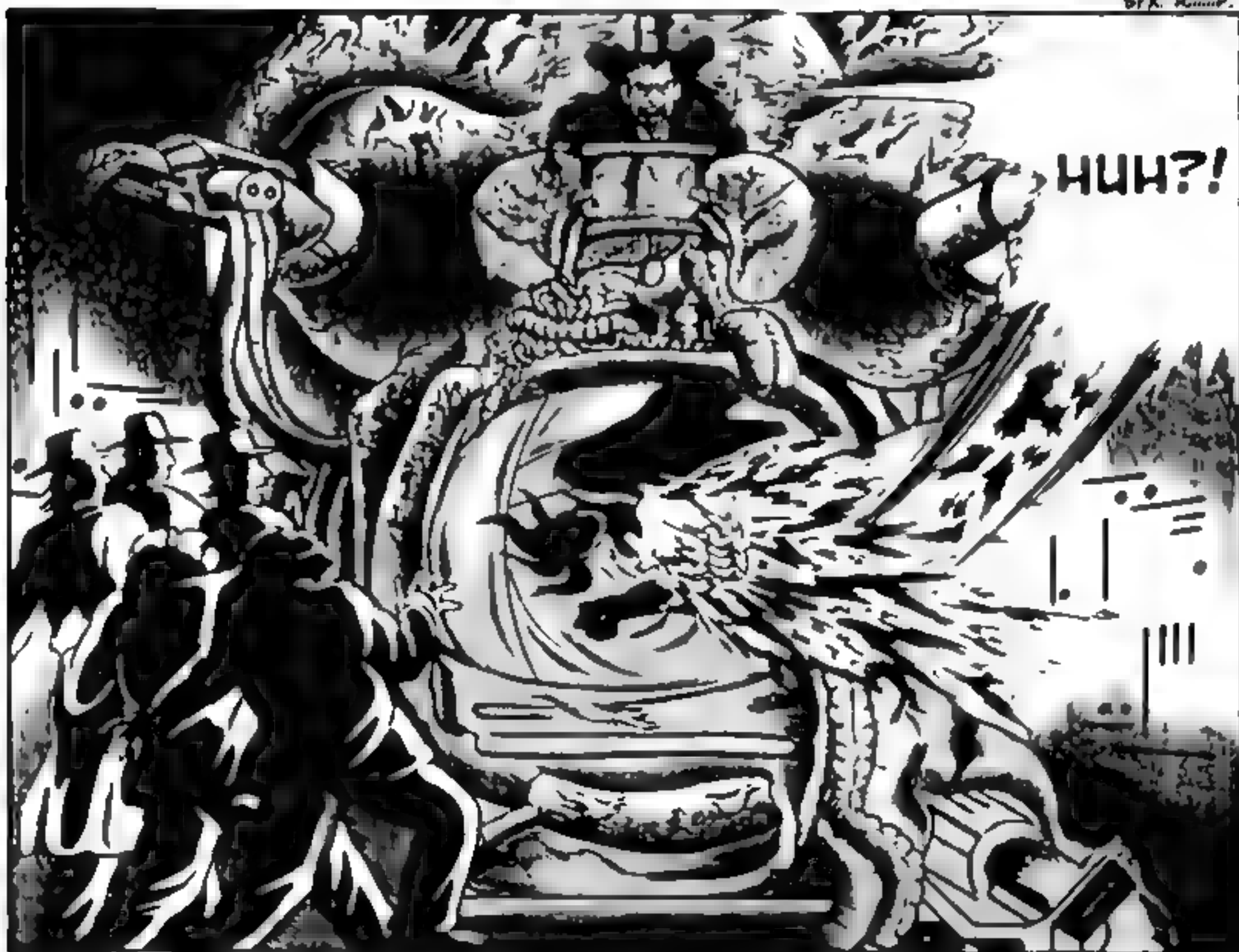




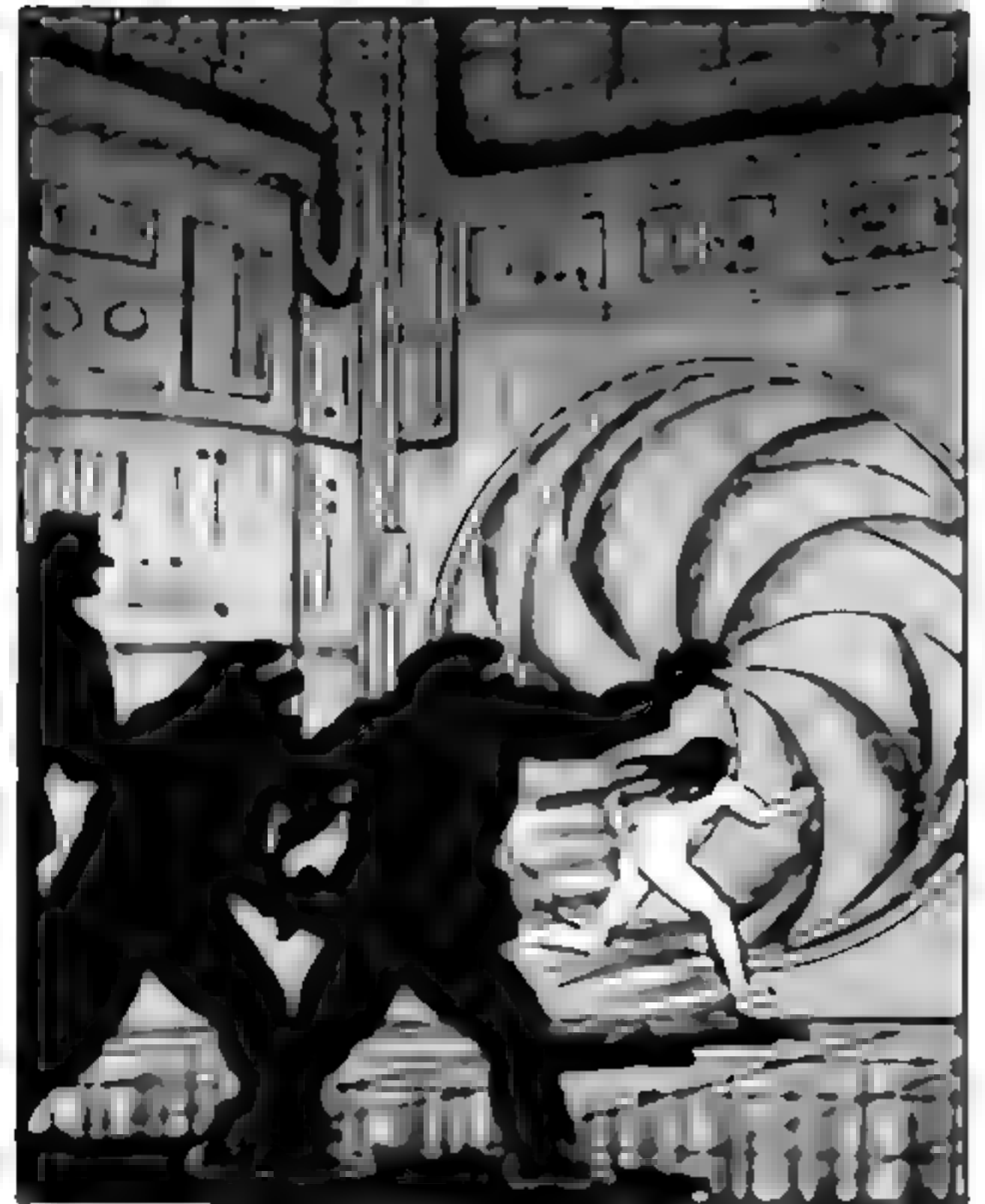
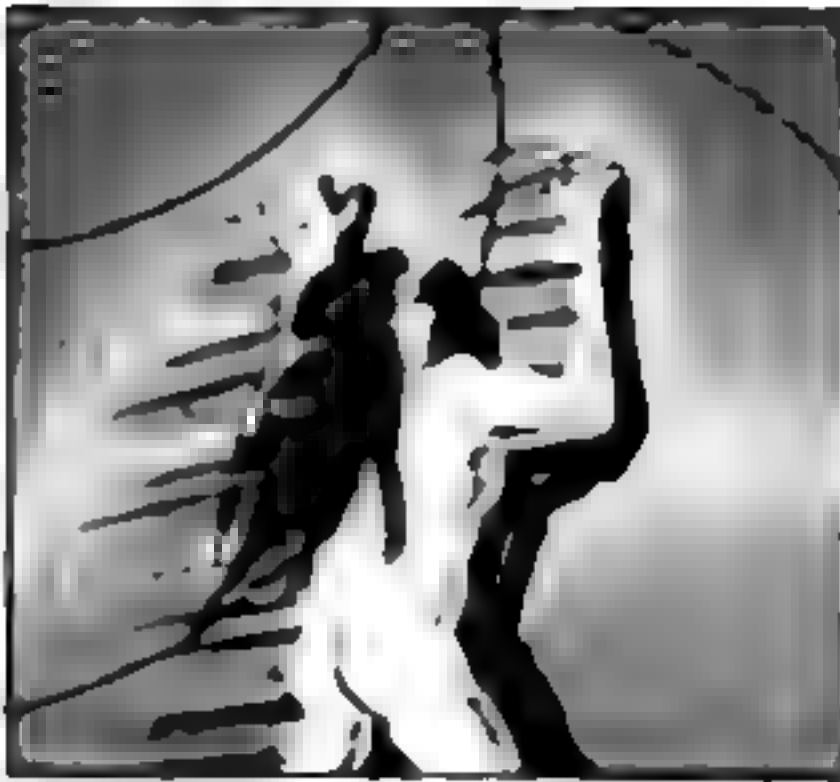
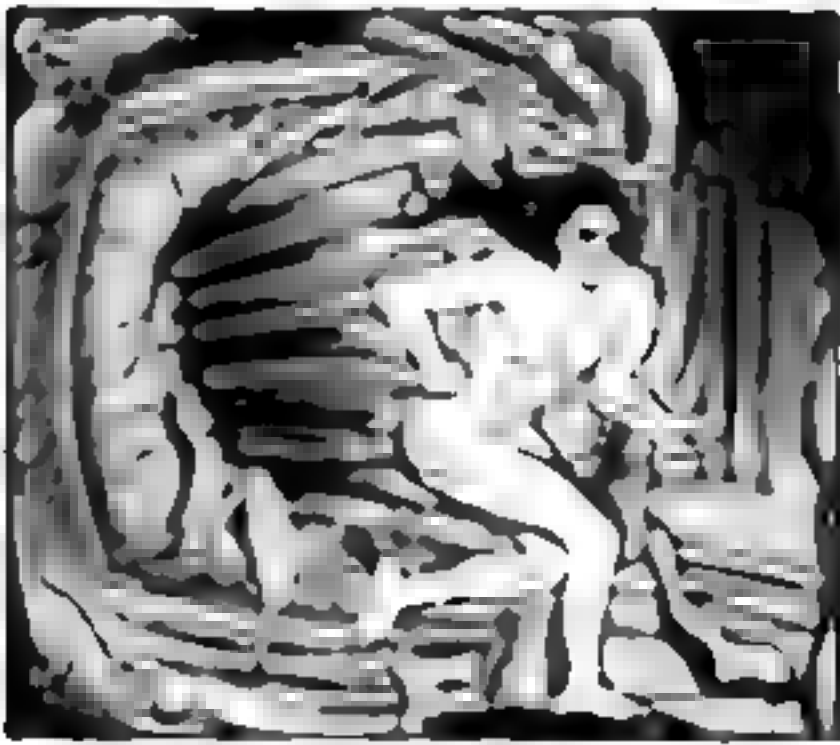
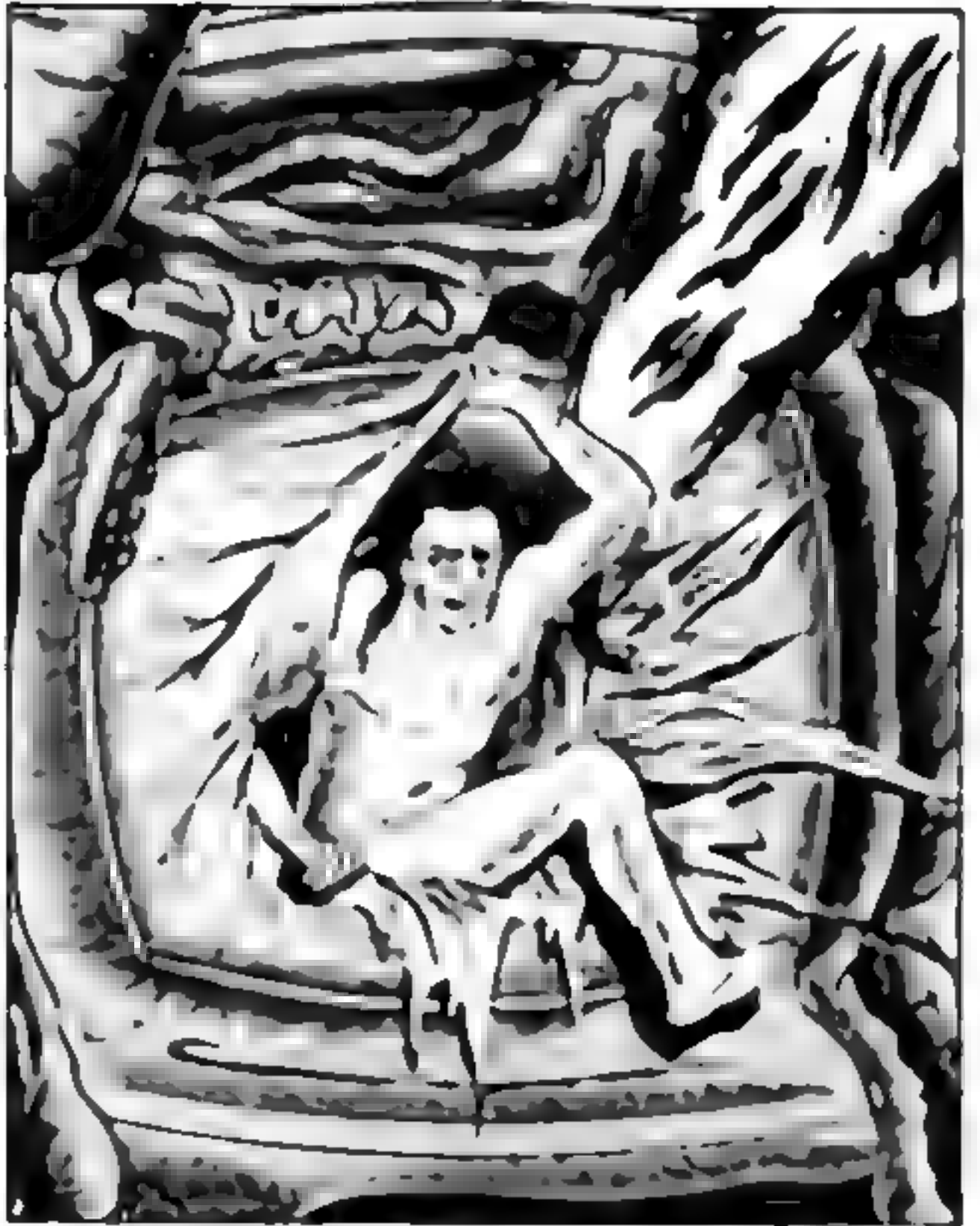
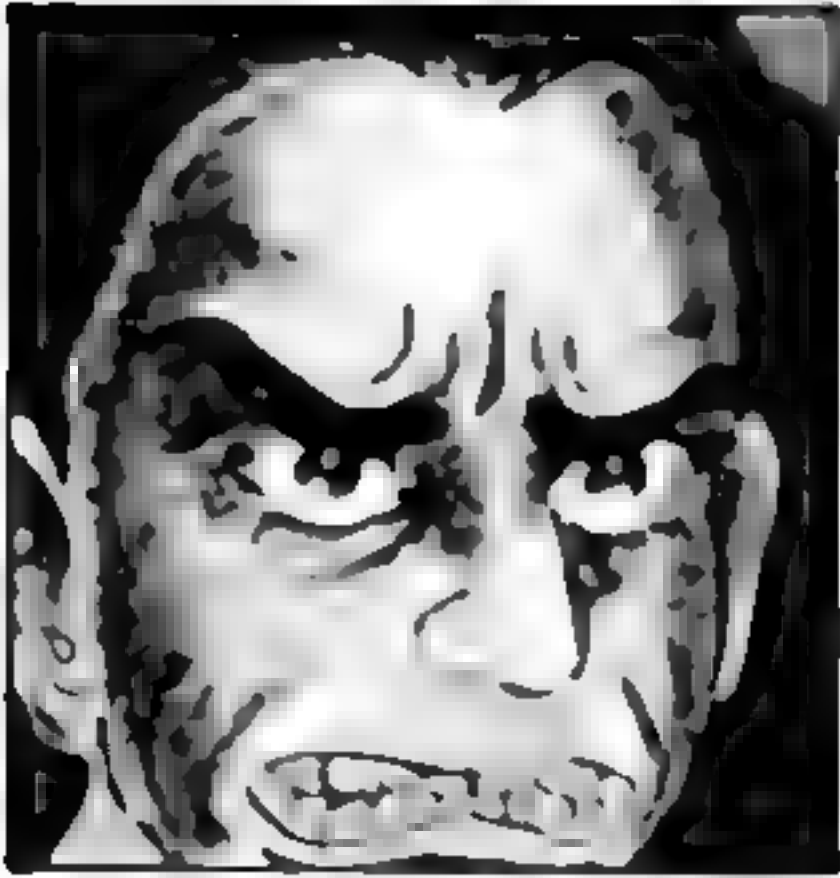
SFX RRRP

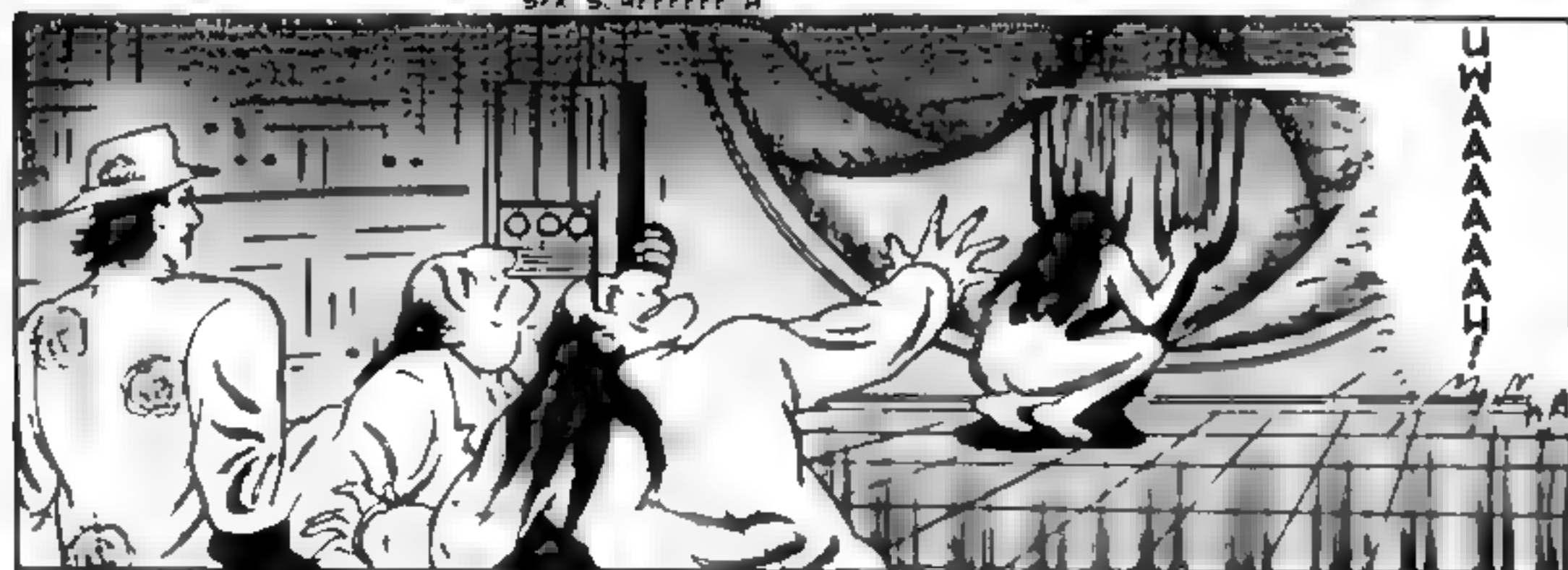


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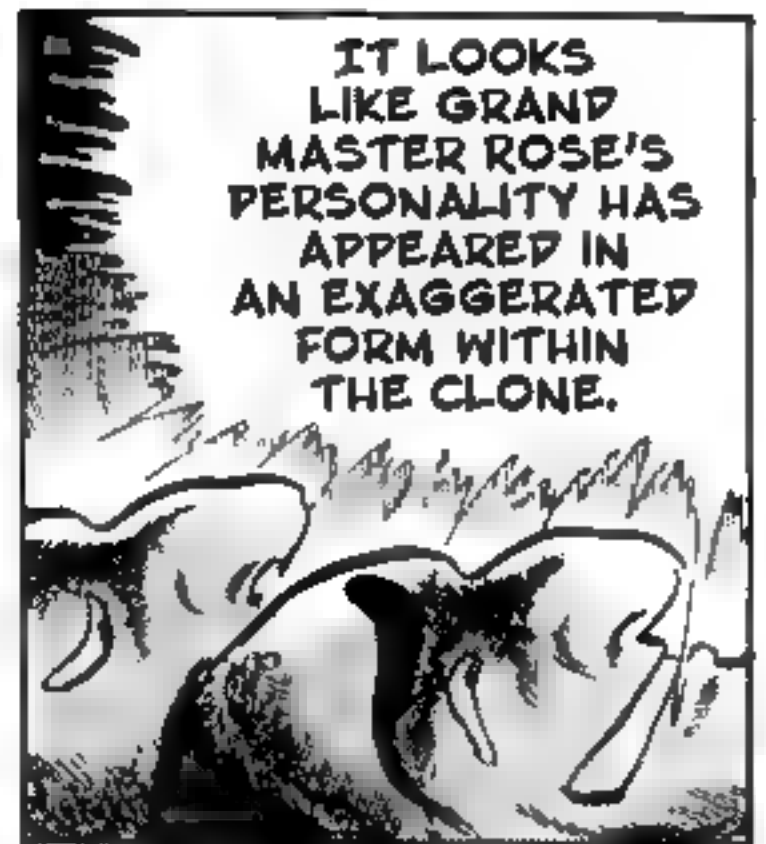
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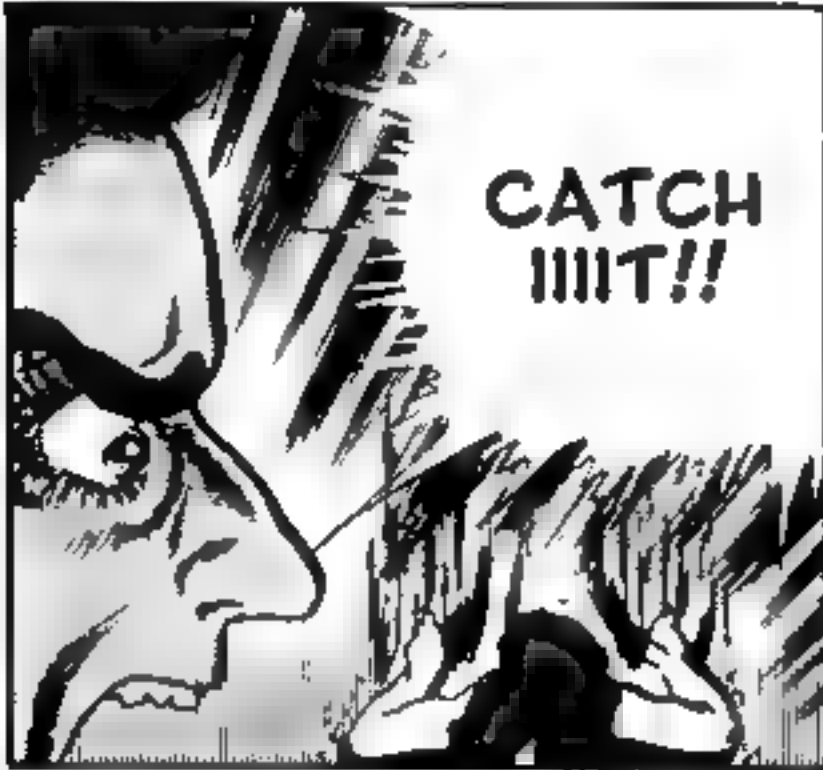




SFX: SCREECH.



IT LOOKS
LIKE GRAND
MASTER ROSE'S
PERSONALITY HAS
APPEARED IN
AN EXAGGERATED
FORM WITHIN
THE CLONE.



CATCH
IIIIT!!



LET ME
SUCK ITS
BLOOOOD
!!



SFX: SCREECH.



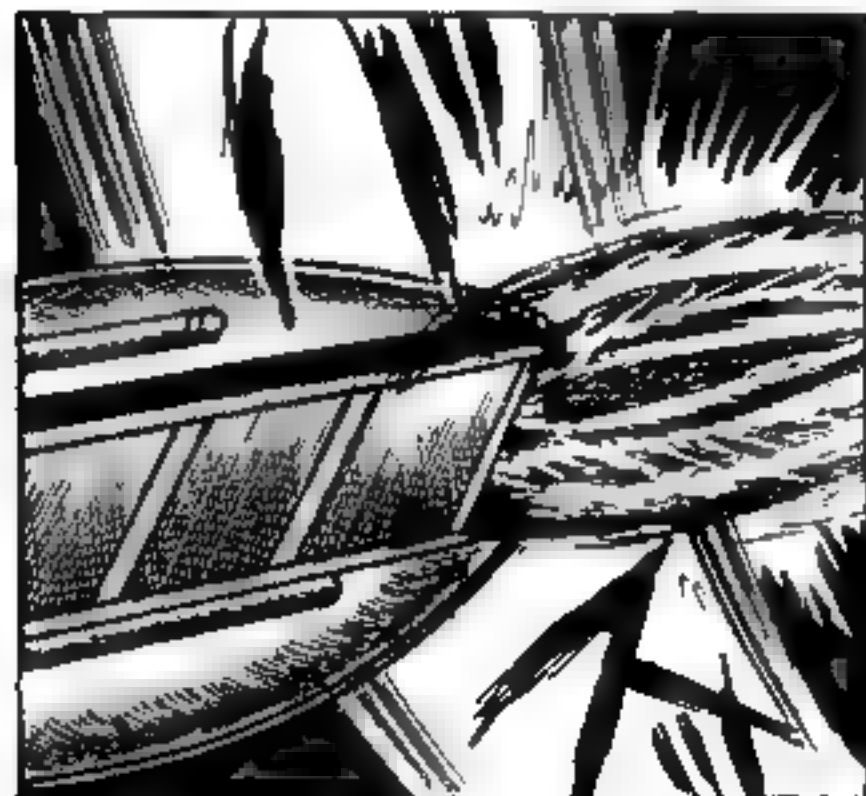
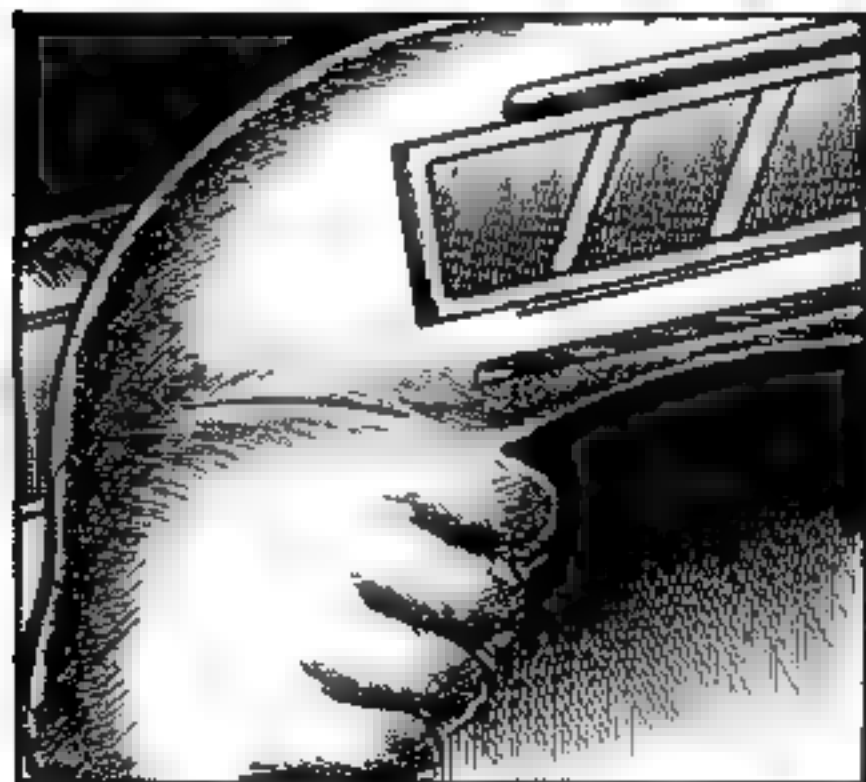
SFX: SCREECH.



LET ME
SUCK THAT
CLONE'S
IMMORTAL
BLOOOOD
!!



SFX: RIIIP RIIIP.



SFX: B.A.M.



UWAAA-
AAHHHH
!!



SFX: SPLURT.



GYAAAA-
AAHHH!!



VOOOOOO-
HHHHHHH!!



SFX: DASH.



UWAAAH!!



SFX: MUNCH



SHOOT
THIS
THING
!!



K-KILL
IT!!



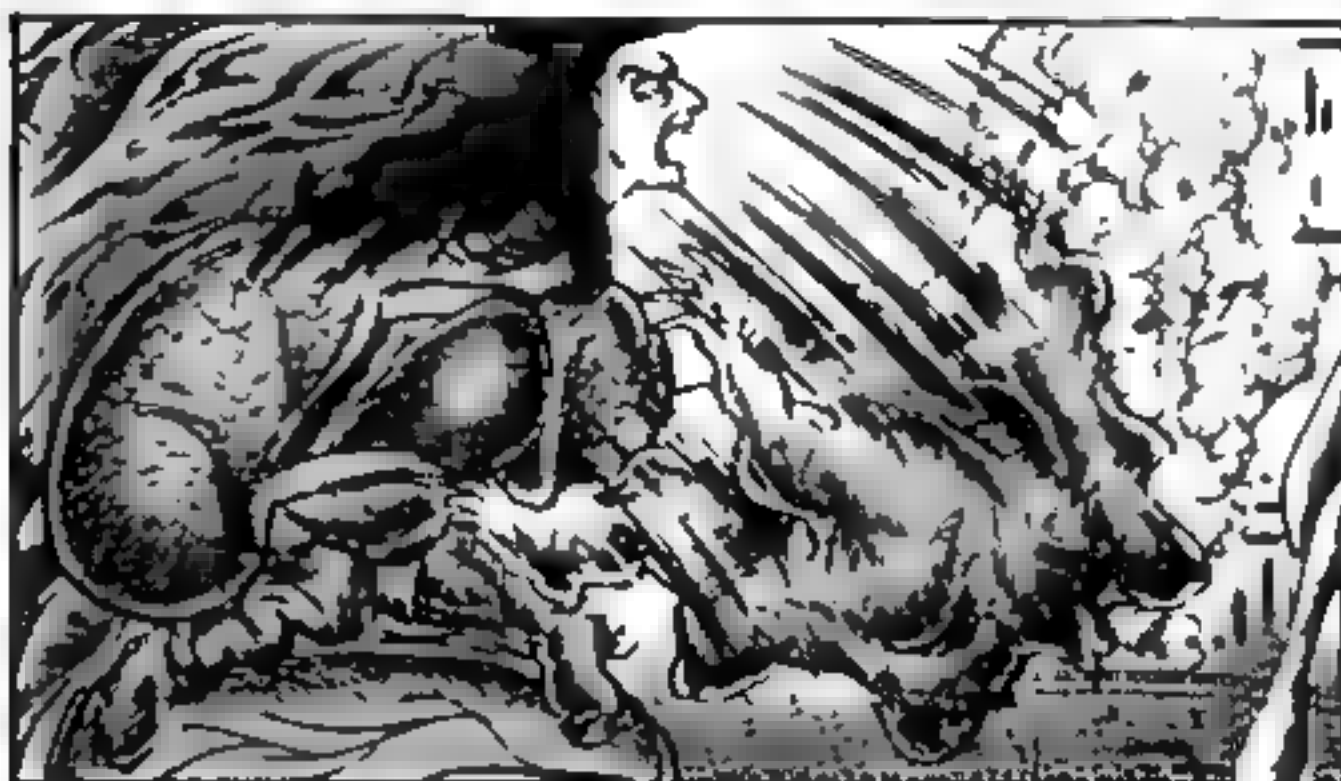
UGAA-
AHHHH
?!



GYAAAAAH!!



SFX. BLAM



GYAAAAAH!!

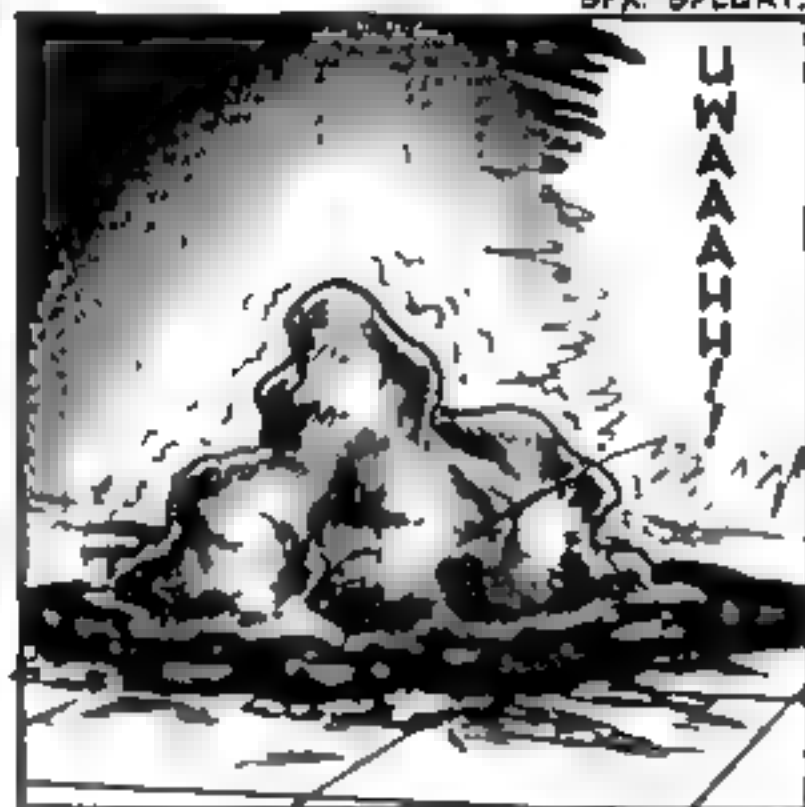


UWAAAAH,
IT'S STILL
ALIVE!!

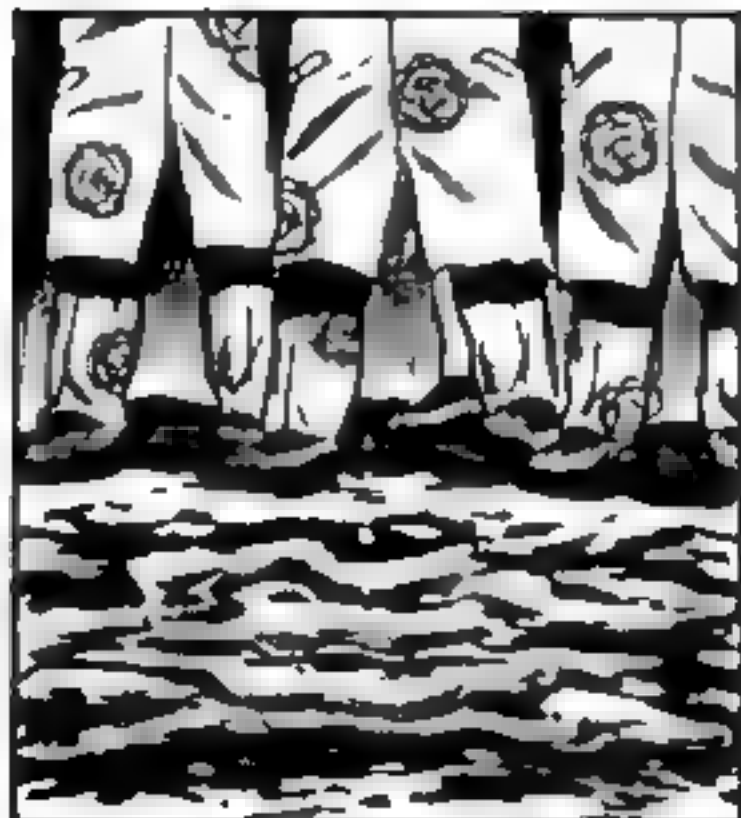
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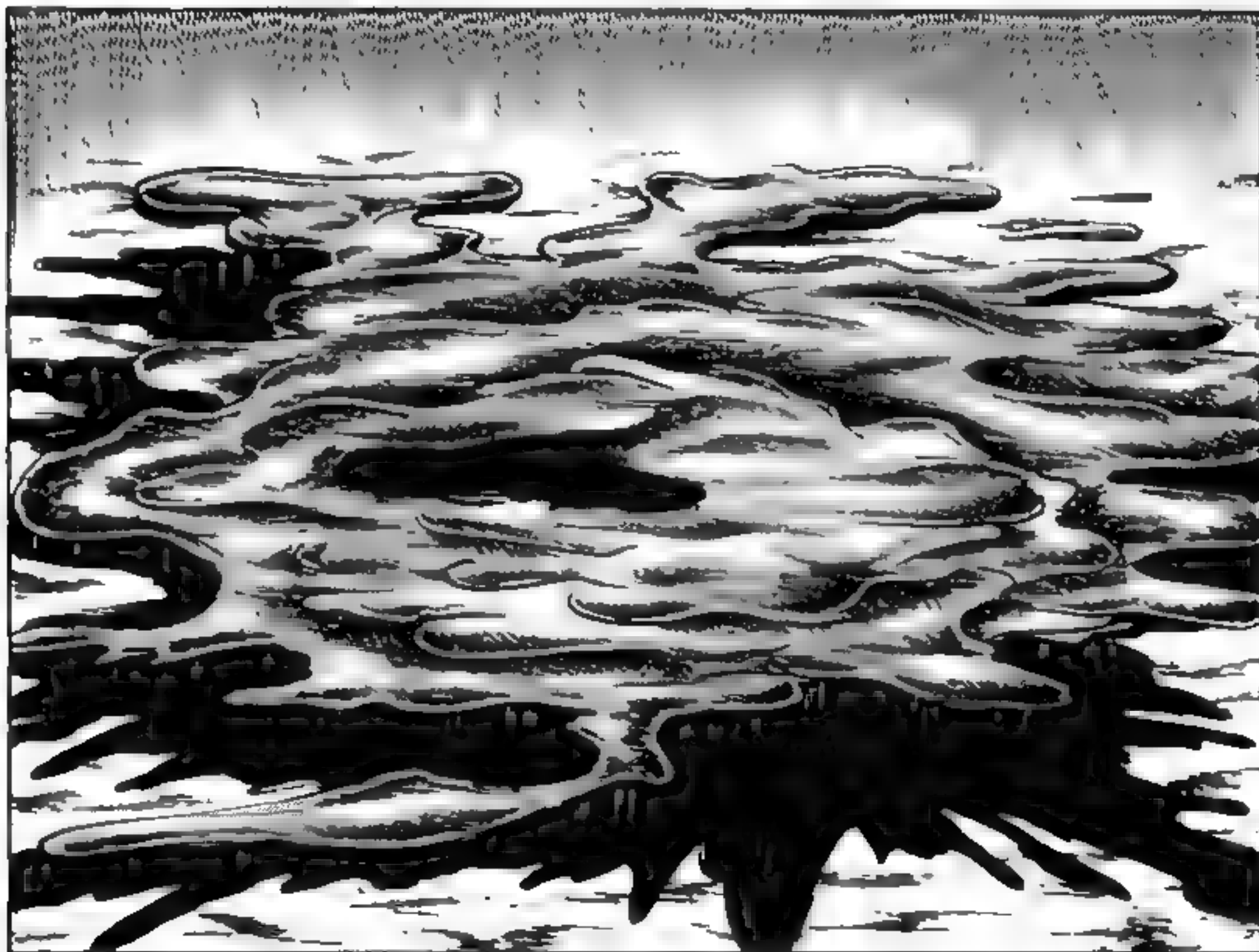
SFX. SPLURT



UWAAAAH!!



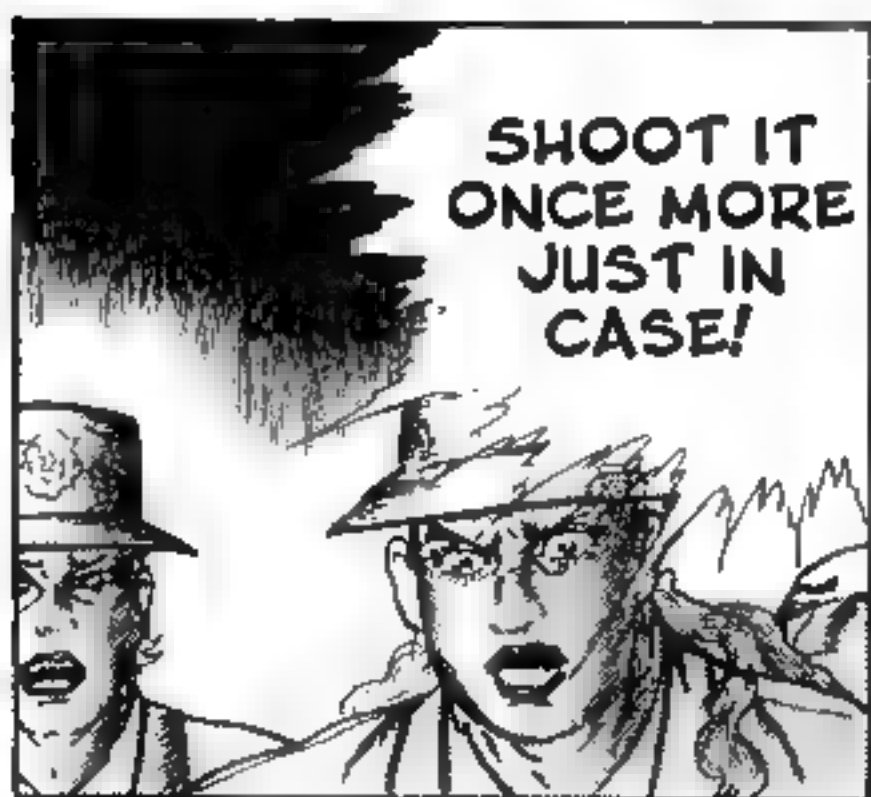
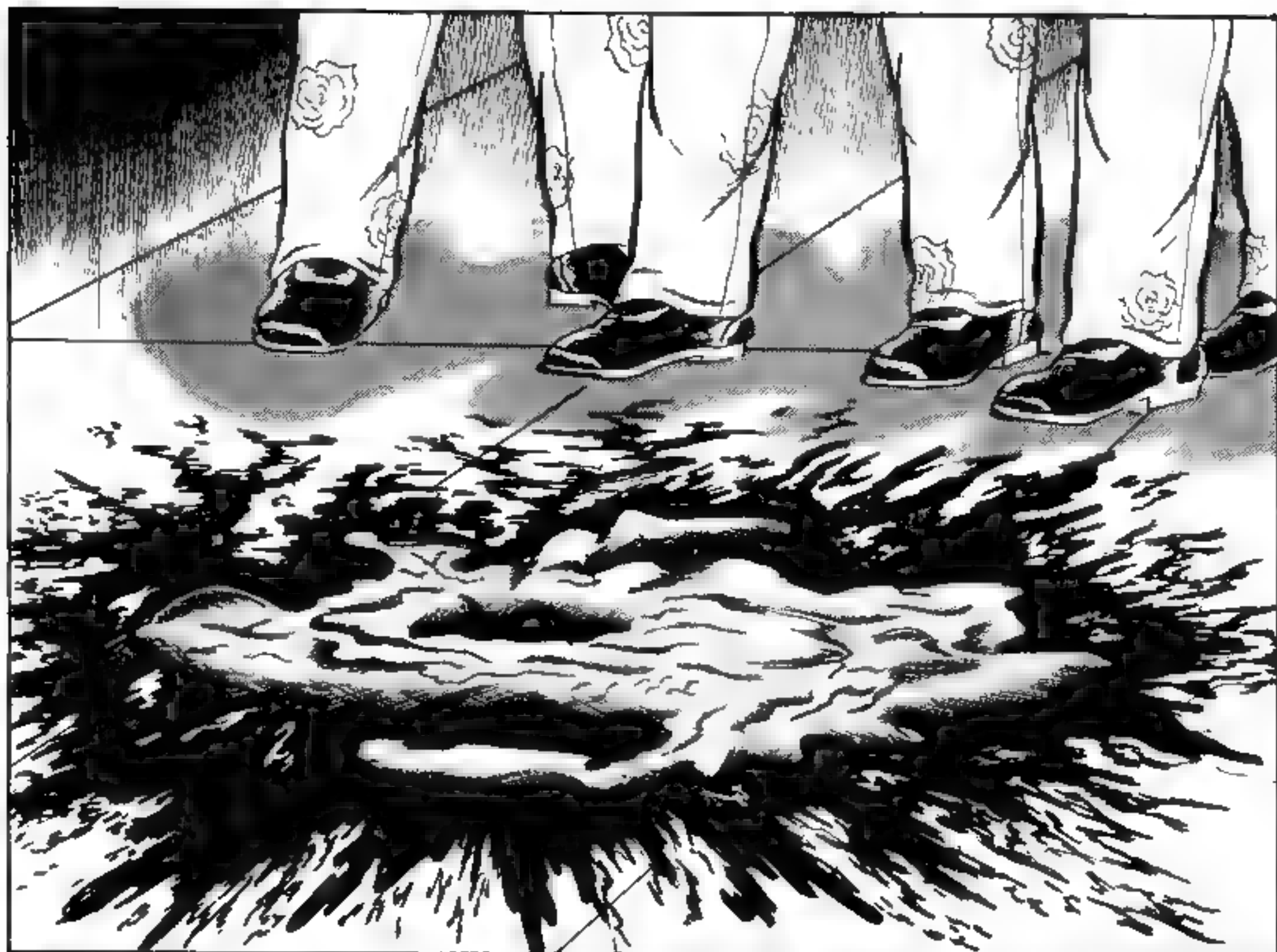
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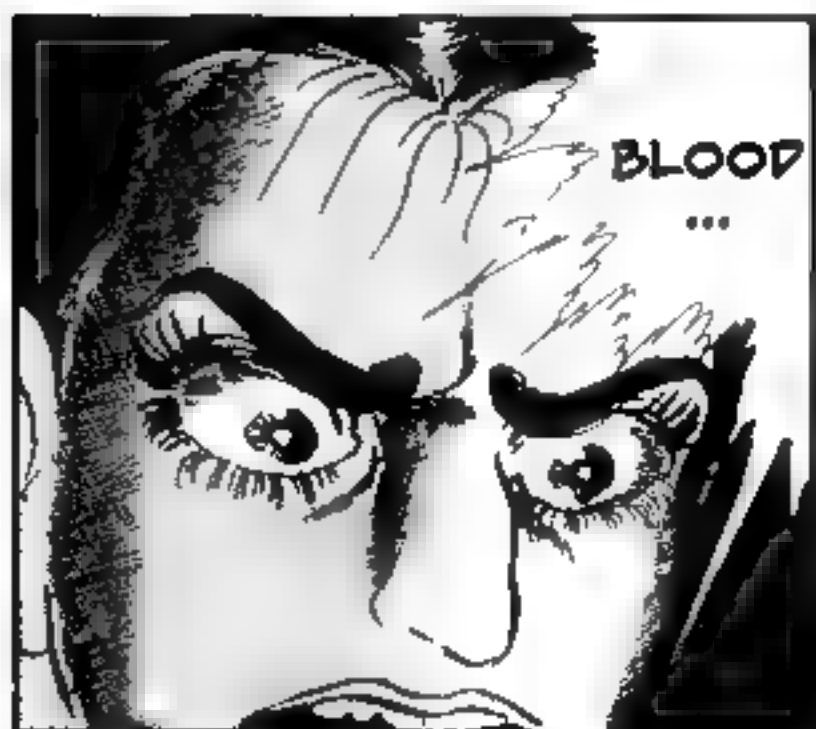


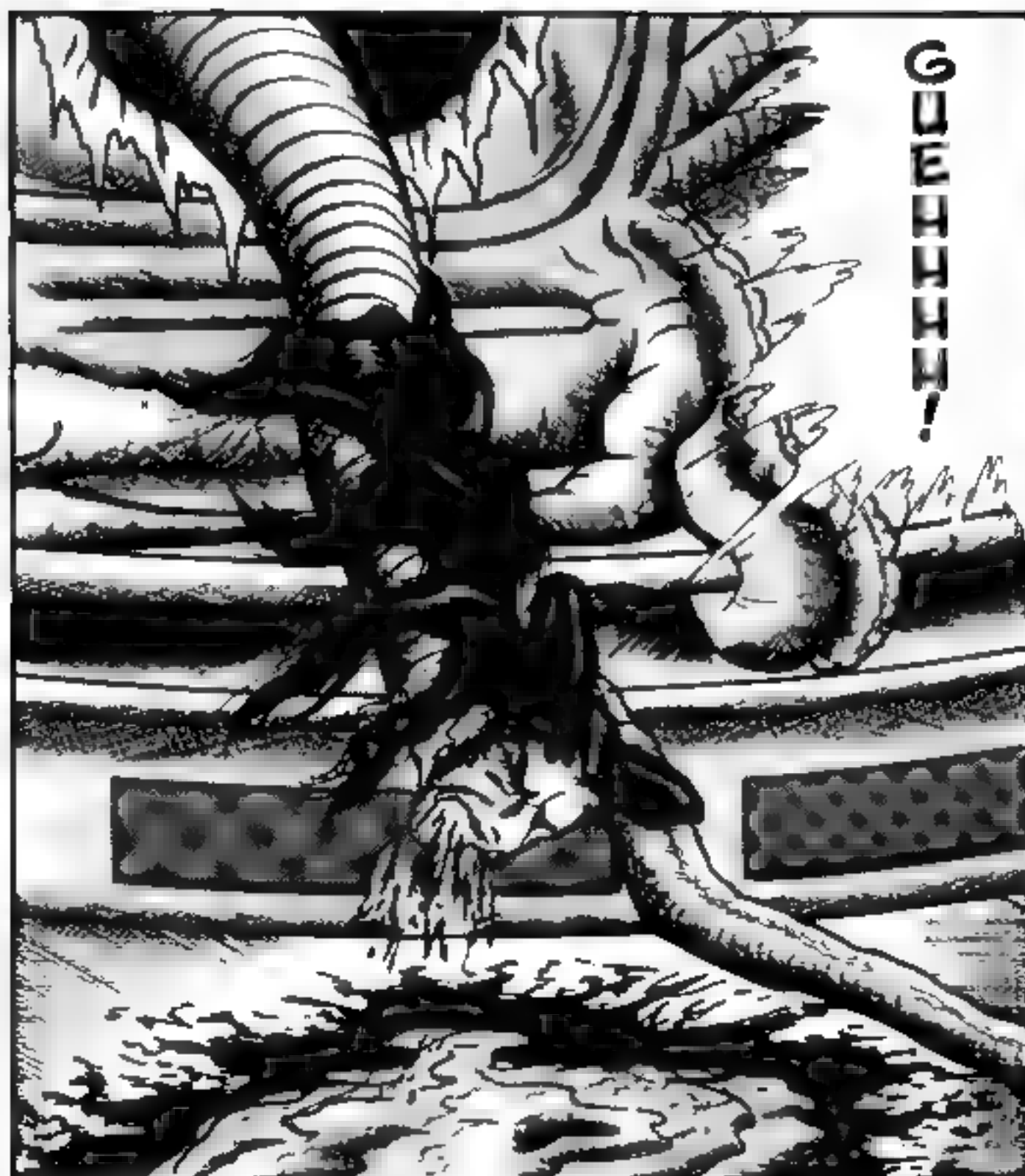
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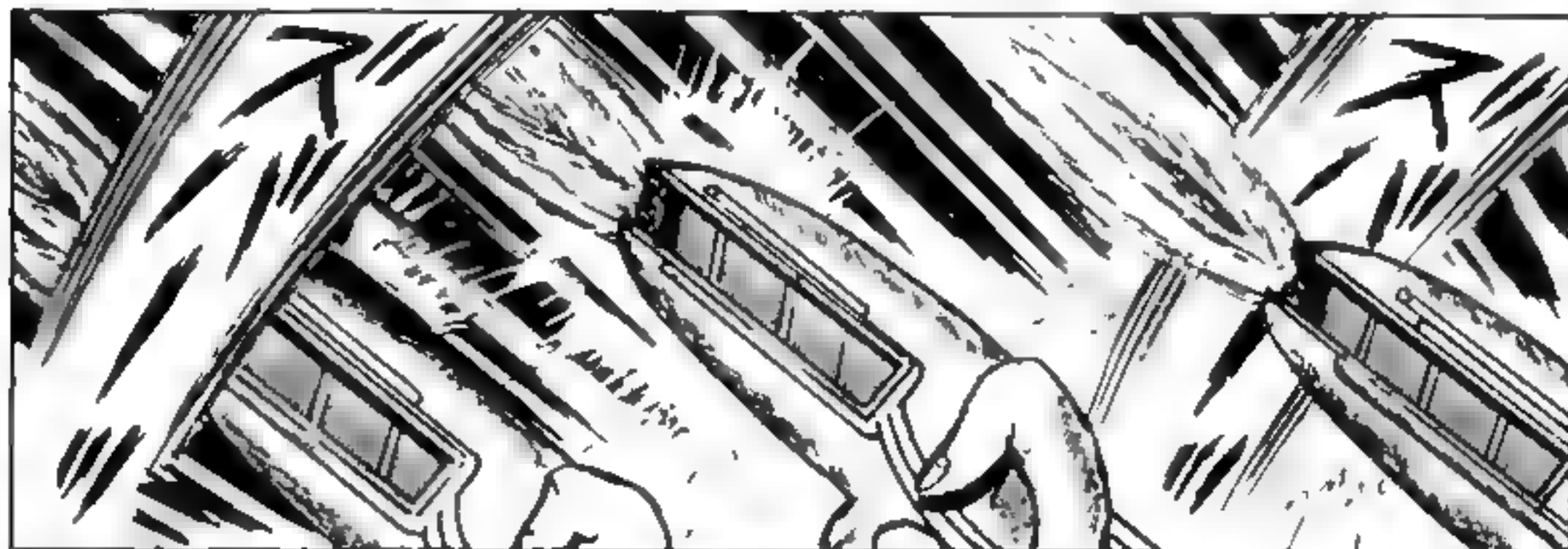








UWAAAAAH!



SFX: BLAM BLAM

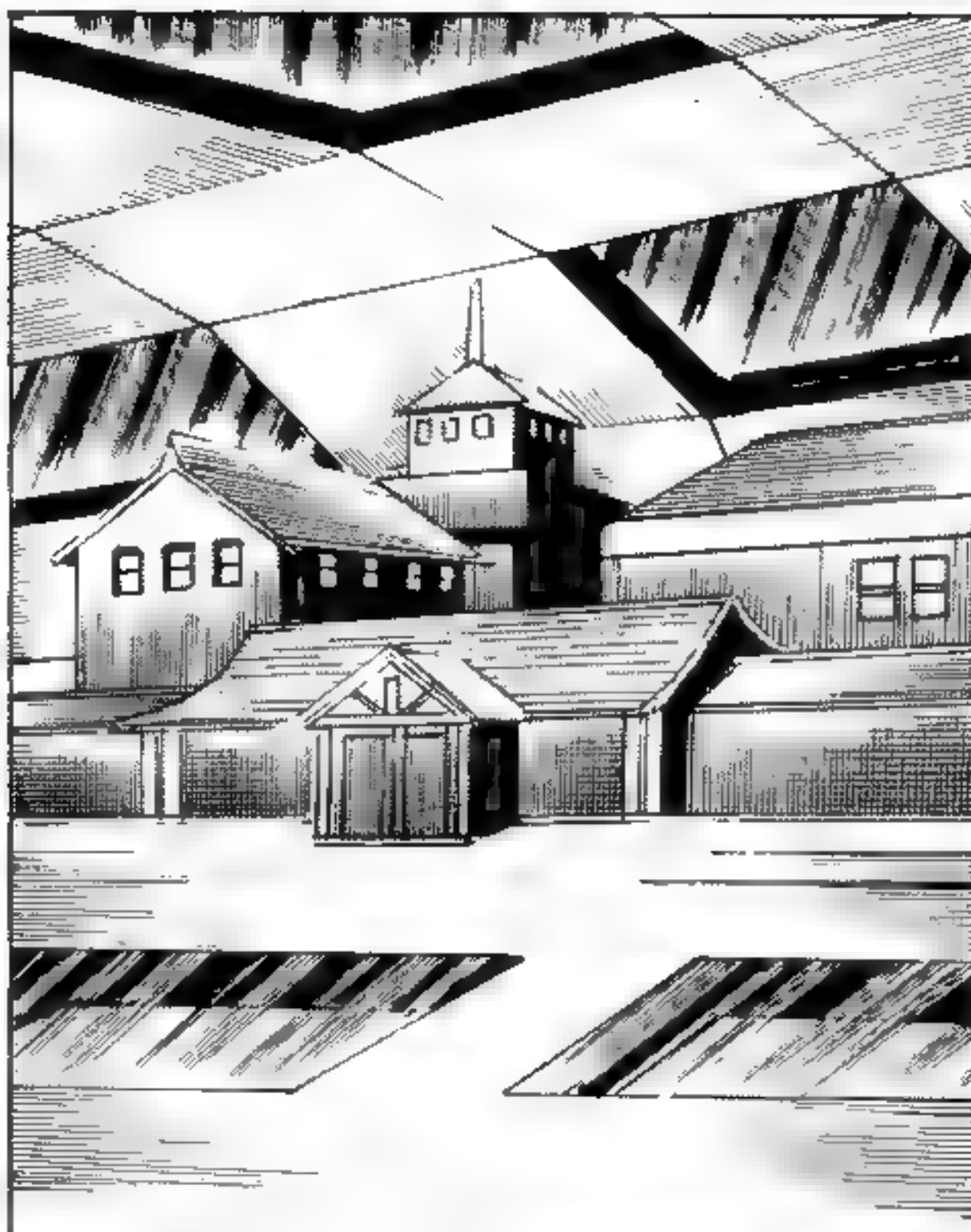
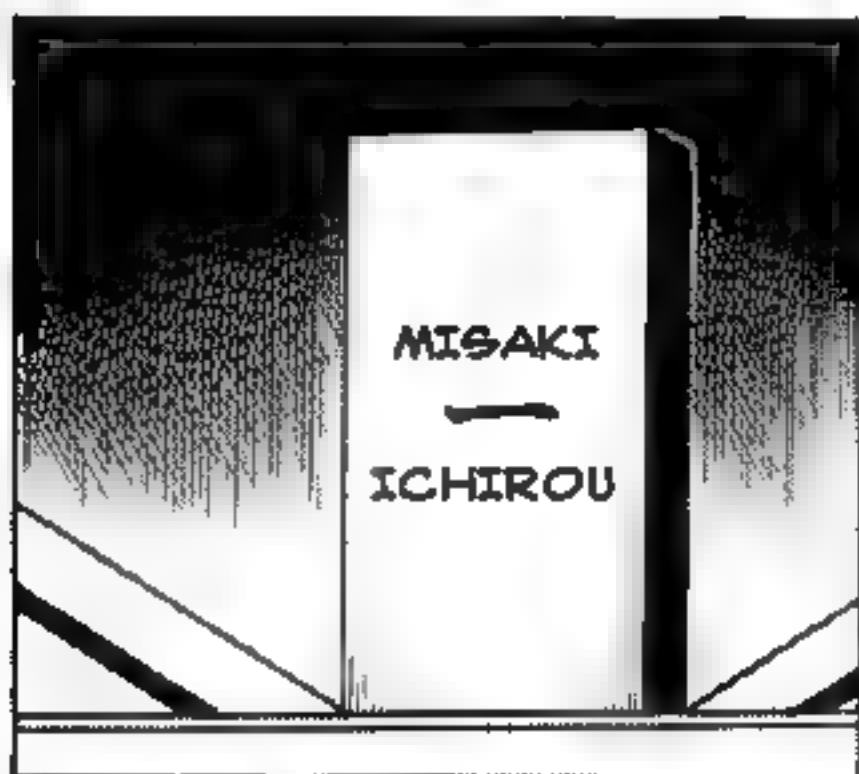
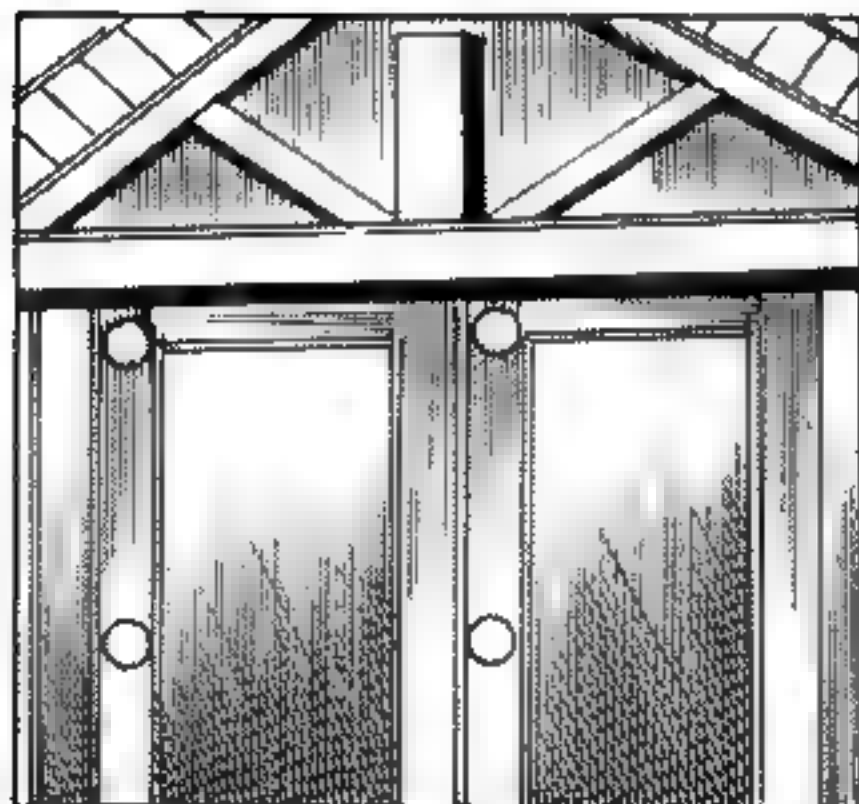


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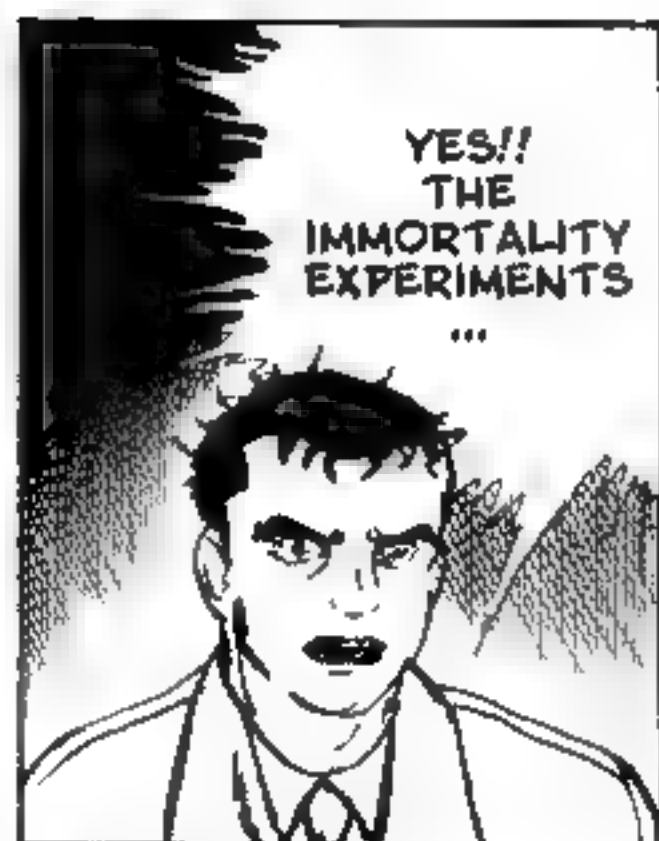
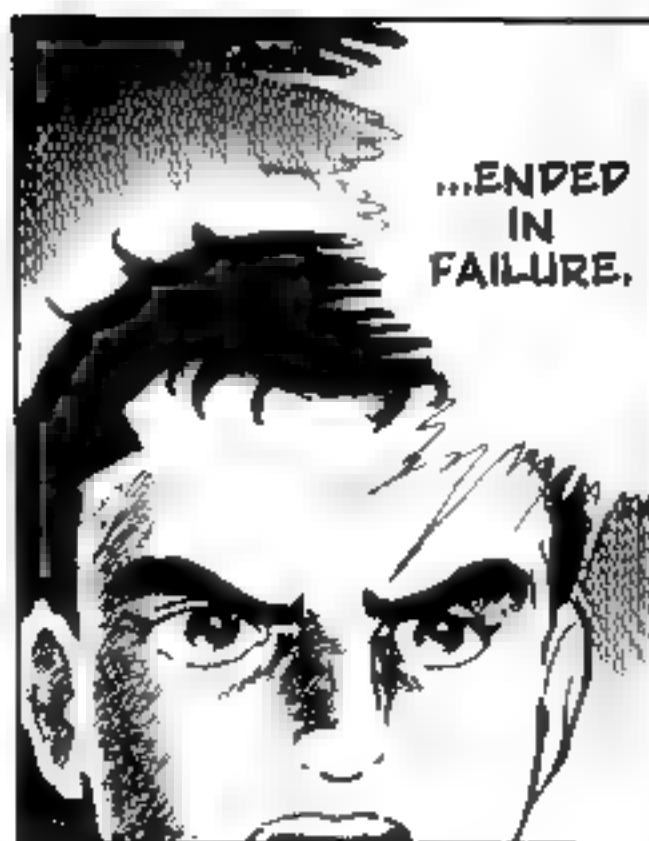




SIDE EFFECTS



SFX: SQUEEZE.



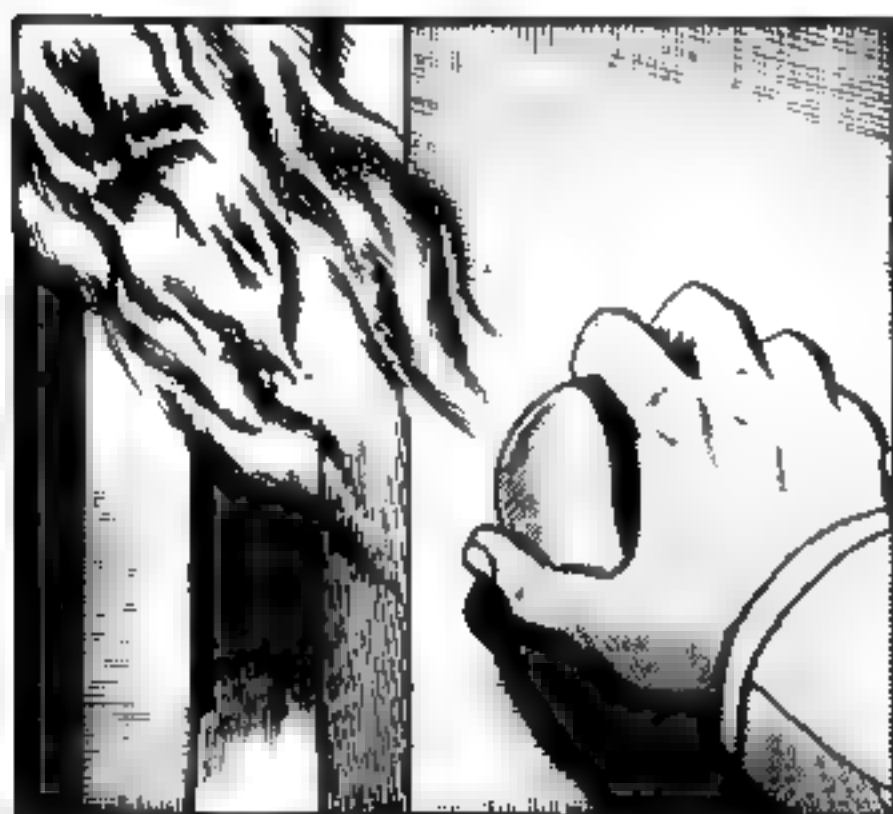
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SFX: CREEAAK

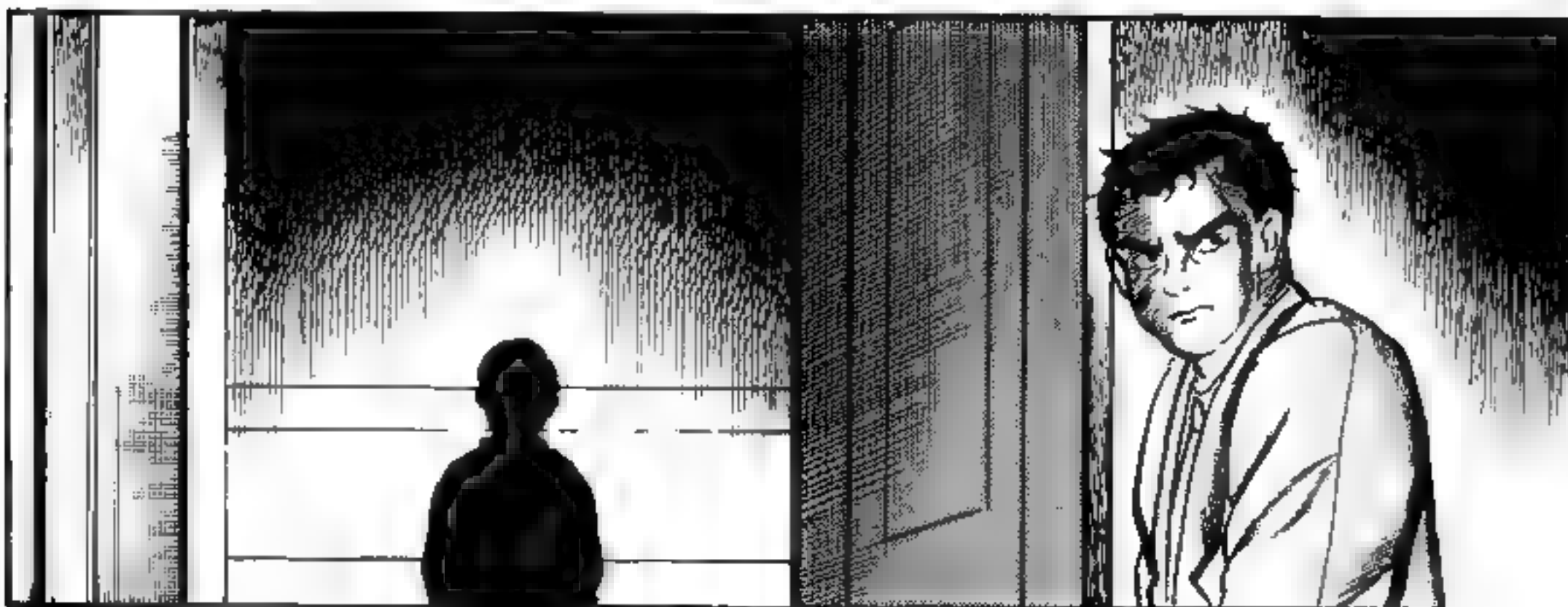


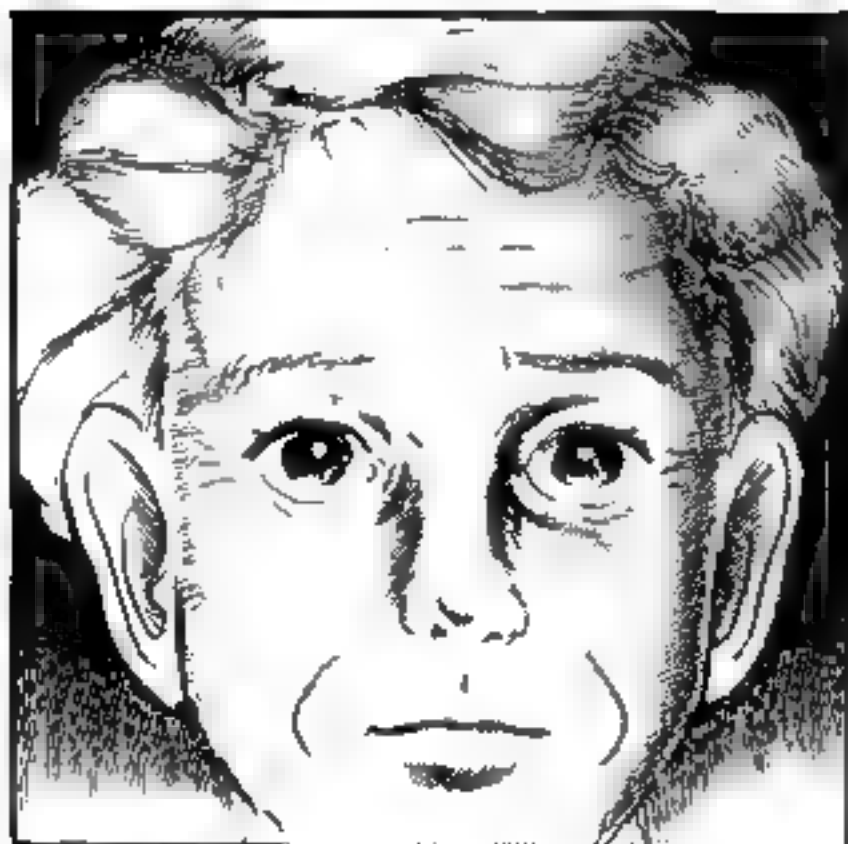
SFX: CREEAAK





SFX: CREEAAK.







MY MOTHER
DIED THREE
YEARS AGO!!



HOW IS
TAROU
DOING,
ICHIROU?



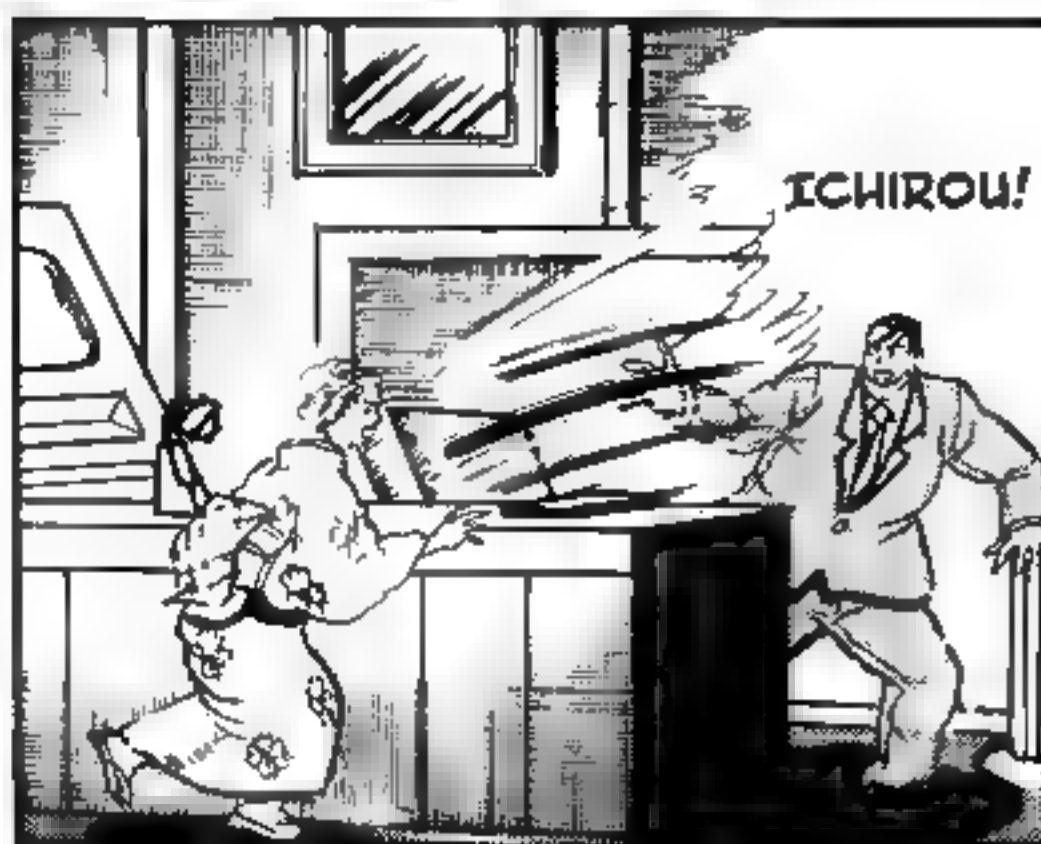
LET ME
SEE TAROU,
WHO WAS
BORN THE
SAME TIME
I DIED.



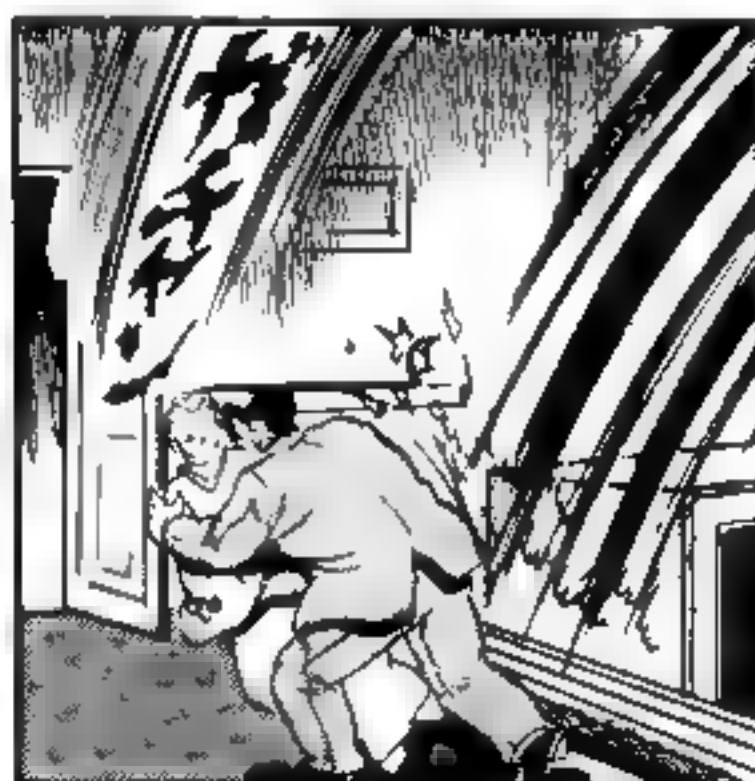
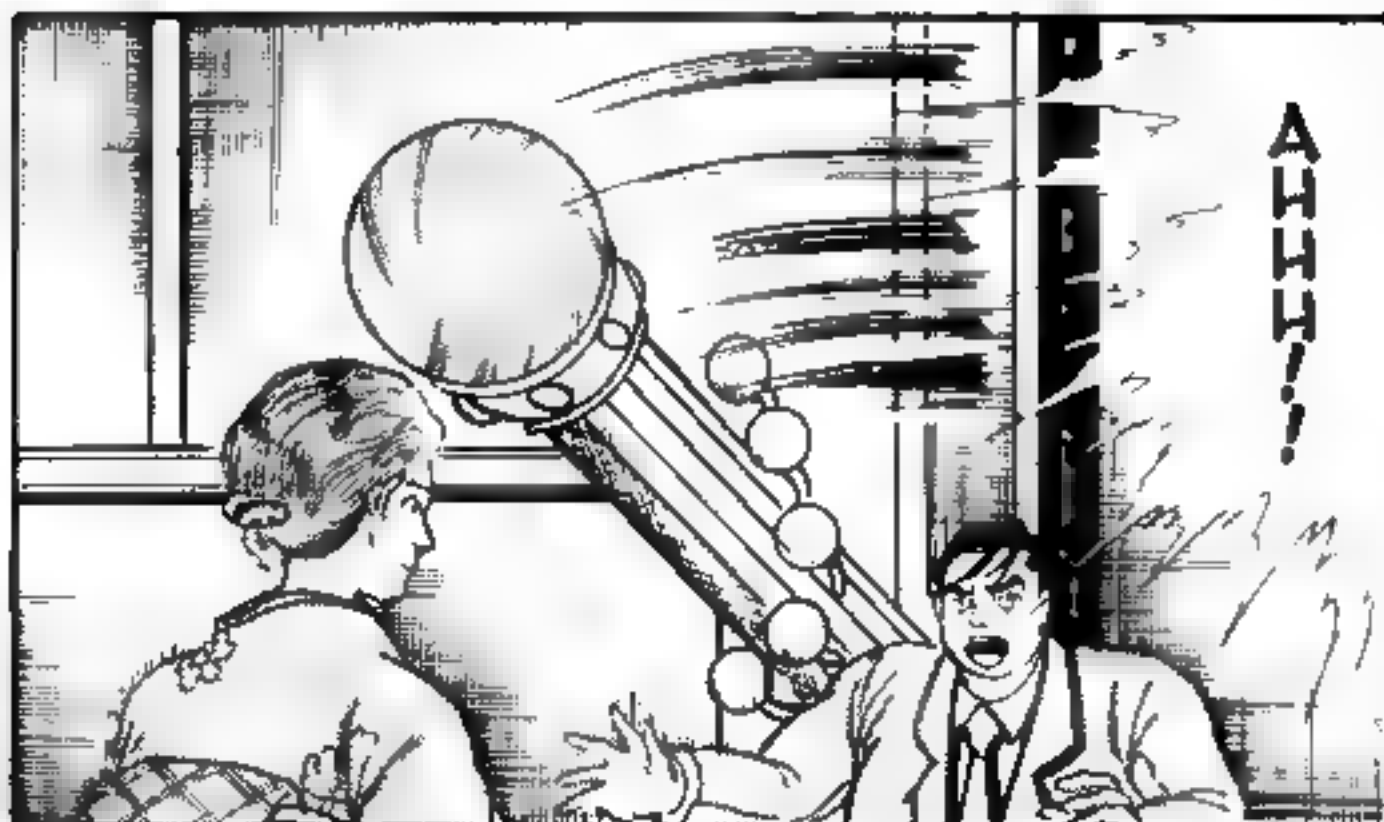
YES,
I DIED THREE
YEARS AGO.
BUT I AM
YOUR MOTHER,
SHIZUKO.



UWAAA!
DON'T
GET ANY
CLOSER!



ICHIROU!





W-
WHERE
HAVE
YOU
BEEN
UNTIL
NOW
?!



WHY,
THE
LAND
OF THE
DEAD,
OF
COURSE.



M-
MOTHER
...



THE LAND
OF THE
DEAD?!



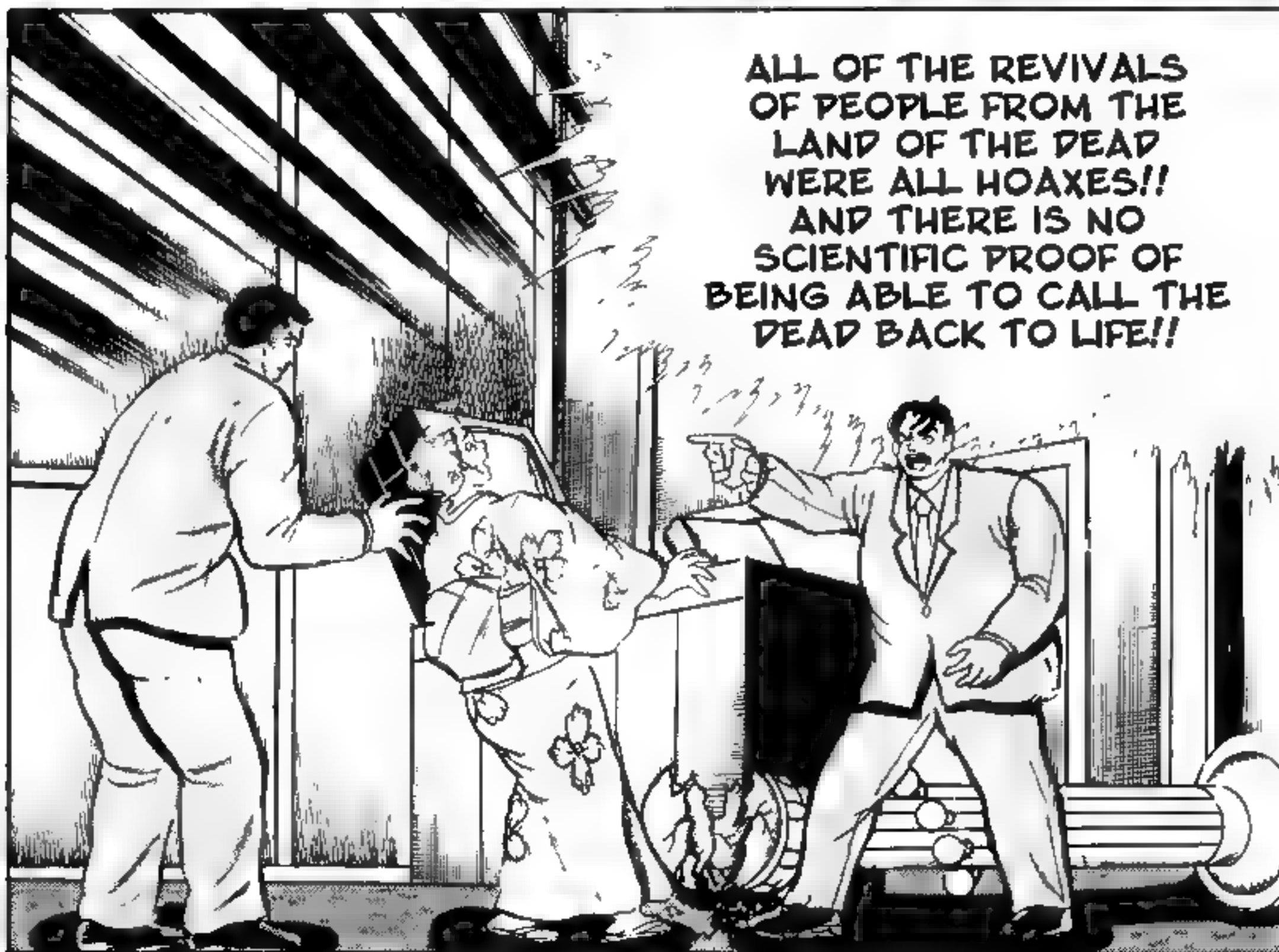
SFX: SLAP



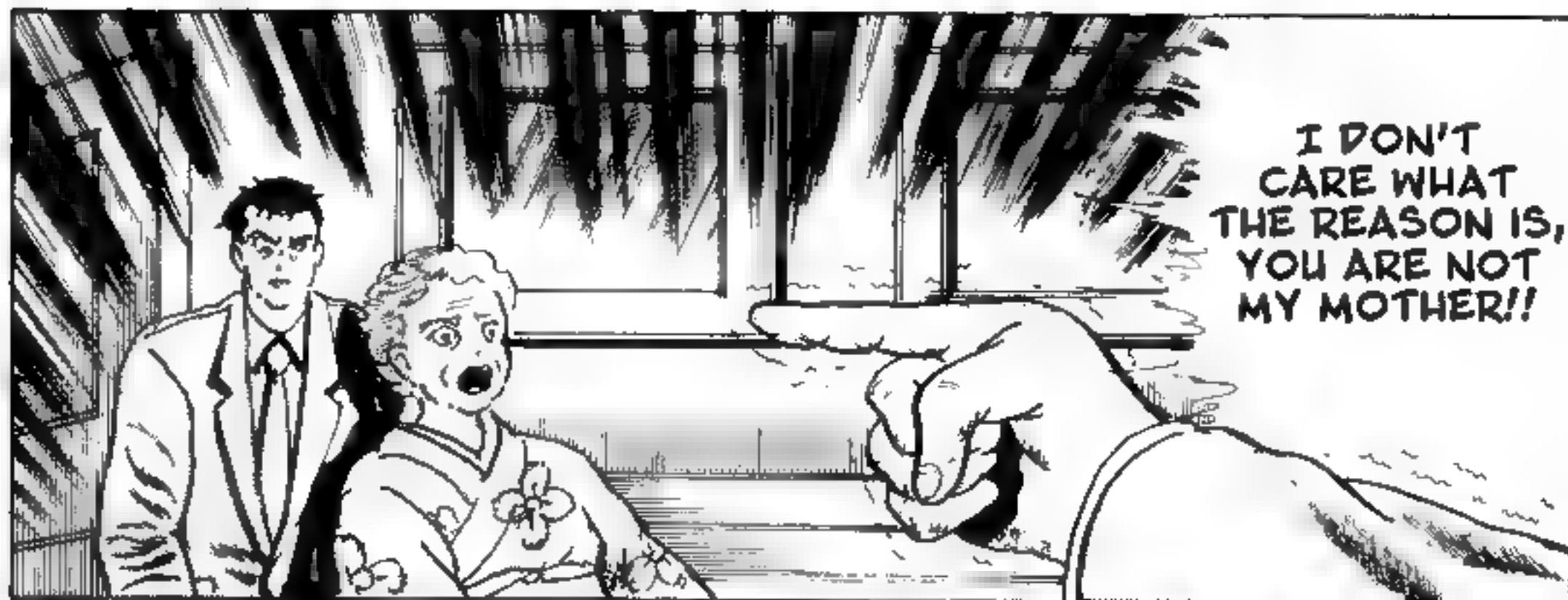
THE LAND
OF THE
DEAD DOES
NOT EXIST
!!



YOU
LIAR
!!



ALL OF THE REVIVALS
OF PEOPLE FROM THE
LAND OF THE DEAD
WERE ALL HOAXES!!
AND THERE IS NO
SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF
BEING ABLE TO CALL THE
DEAD BACK TO LIFE!!



I DON'T
CARE WHAT
THE REASON IS,
YOU ARE NOT
MY MOTHER!!



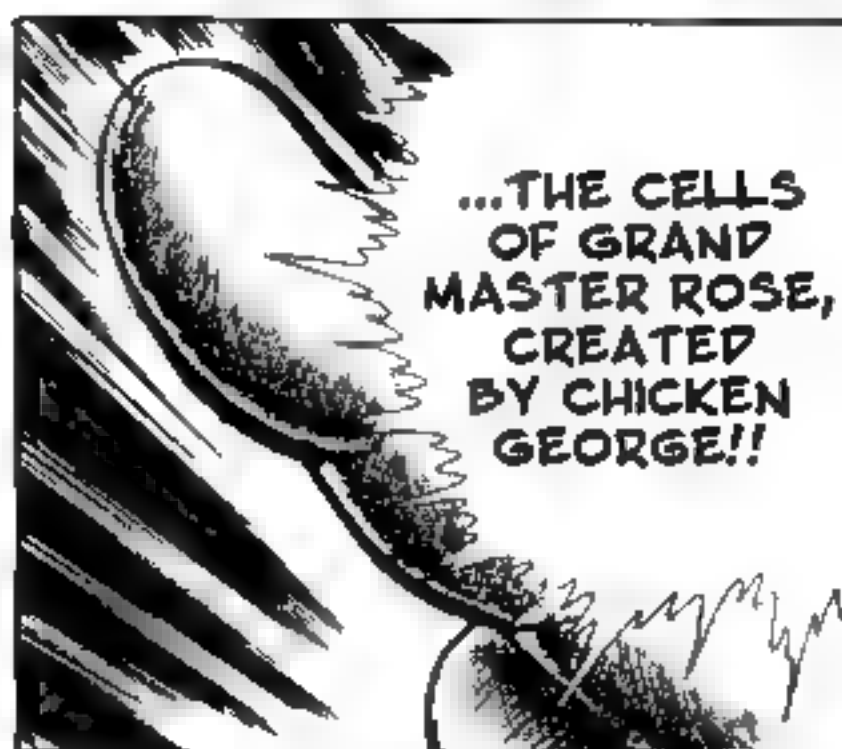
EHHH?!



W-WHY?!



FOR YOU DON'T
SMELL ONE THING
LIKE MY MOTHER DID!!
I REMEMBER HOW
SHE SMELLED VERY
WELL!!

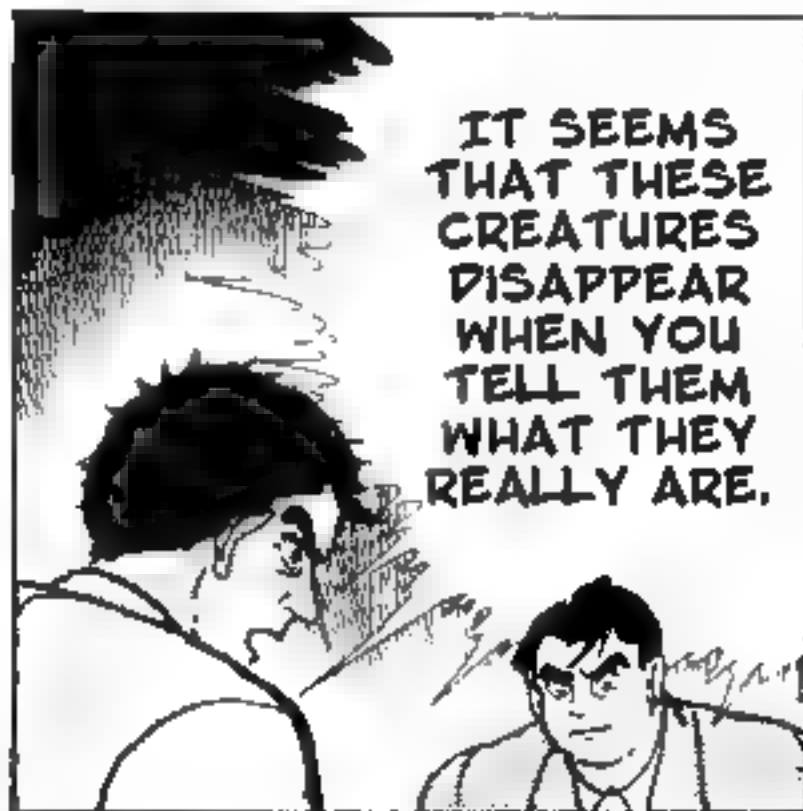




SFX: SHLOOP SHLOOP.



SFX: SHLOOP SHLOOP.



SFX: STAMP.



SFX: STAMP.



SFX: STAMP.



DAMN
YOUUUU!



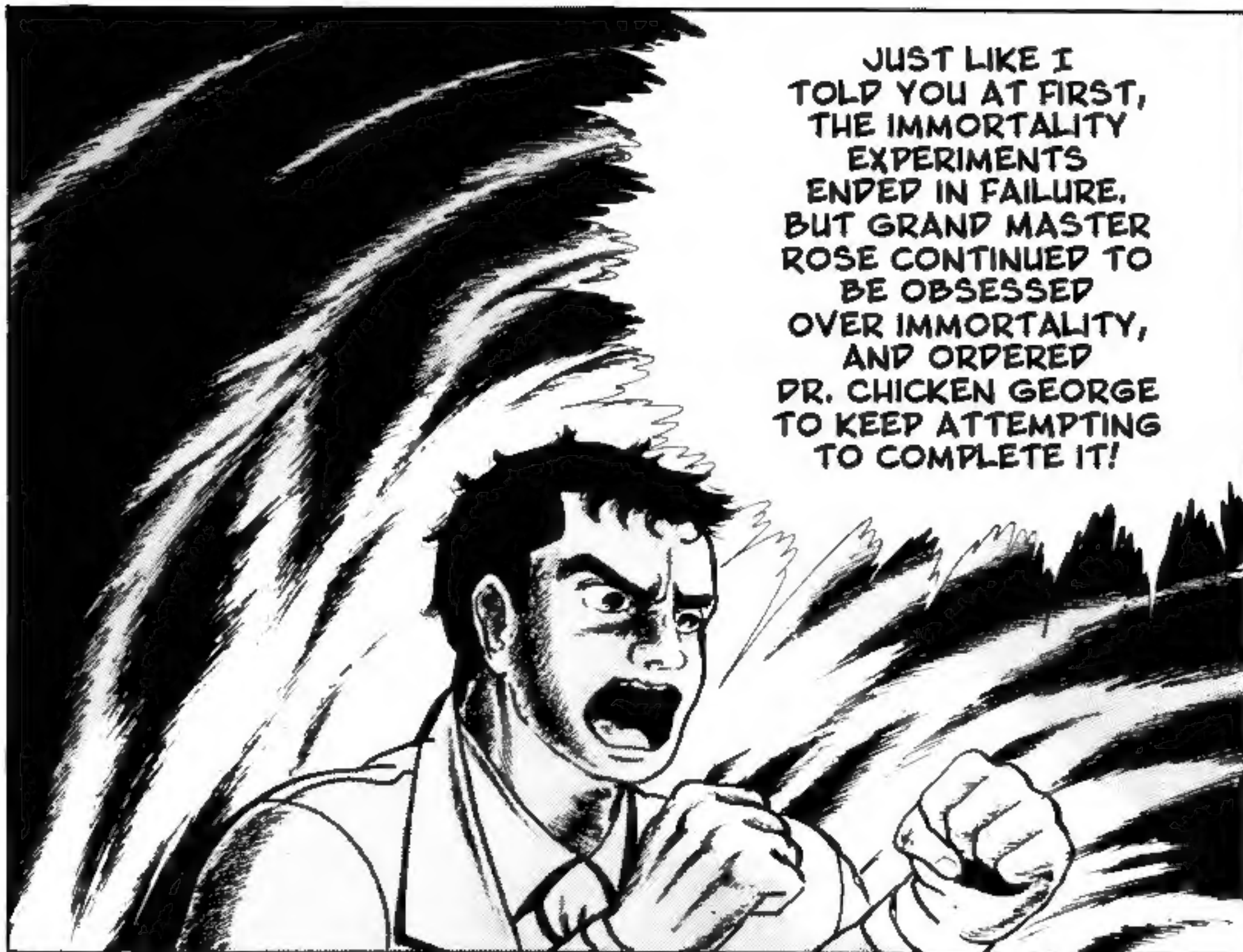
YOU IDIOT!!
WHY DID YOU
LET SUCH A
THING IN HERE
?!



BUT YOU SEE,
I GOT A DIRECT CALL
FROM GRAND MASTER ROSE.
IT WAS ABOUT A TRIAL PRODUCT.
I WAS TOLD TO SHOW IT
TO YOU RIGHT AWAY.



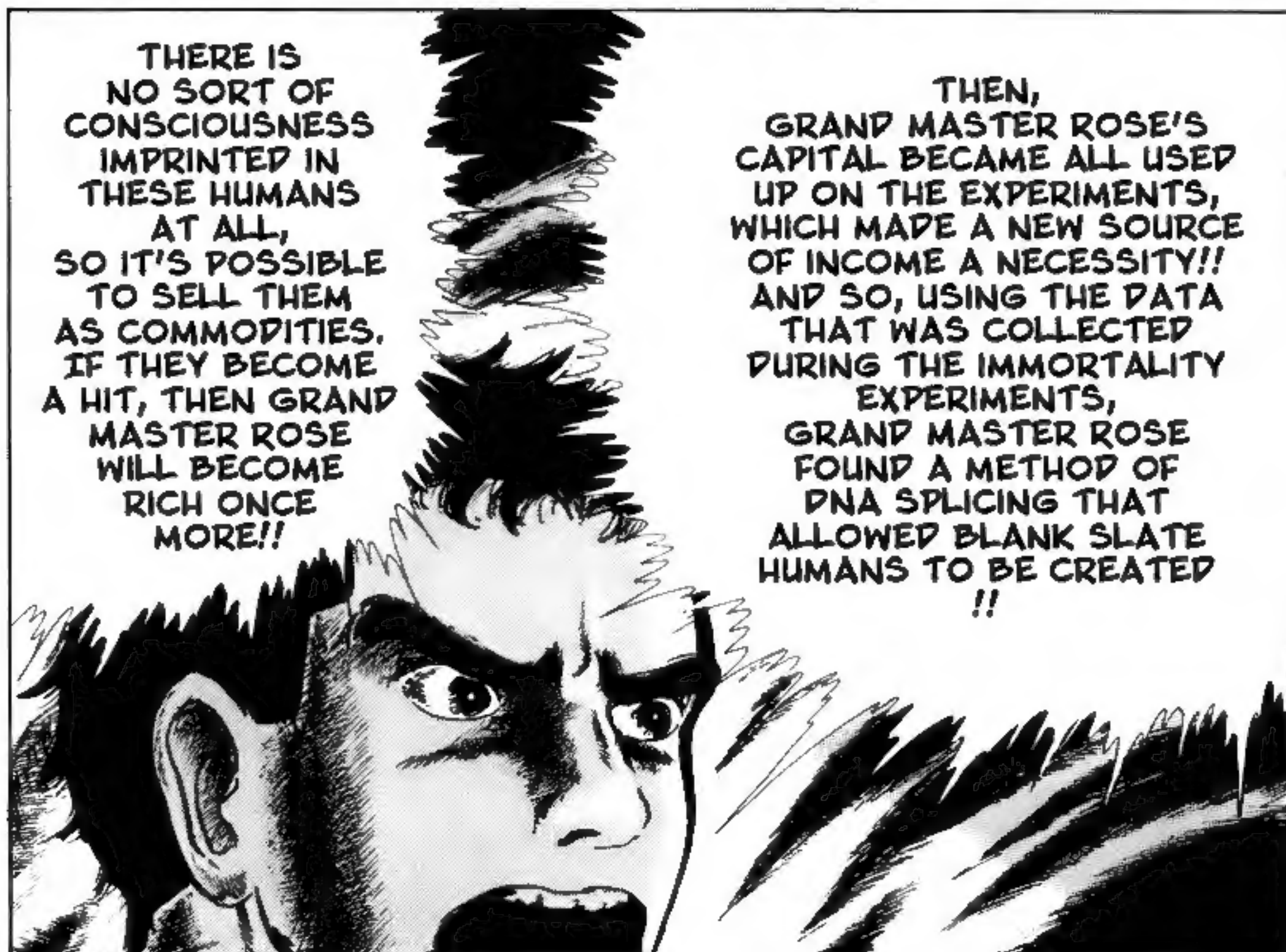
Y-YES SIR,
I APOLOGIZE
!!



JUST LIKE I
TOLD YOU AT FIRST,
THE IMMORTALITY
EXPERIMENTS
ENDED IN FAILURE,
BUT GRAND MASTER
ROSE CONTINUED TO
BE OBSESSED
OVER IMMORTALITY,
AND ORDERED
DR. CHICKEN GEORGE
TO KEEP ATTEMPTING
TO COMPLETE IT!

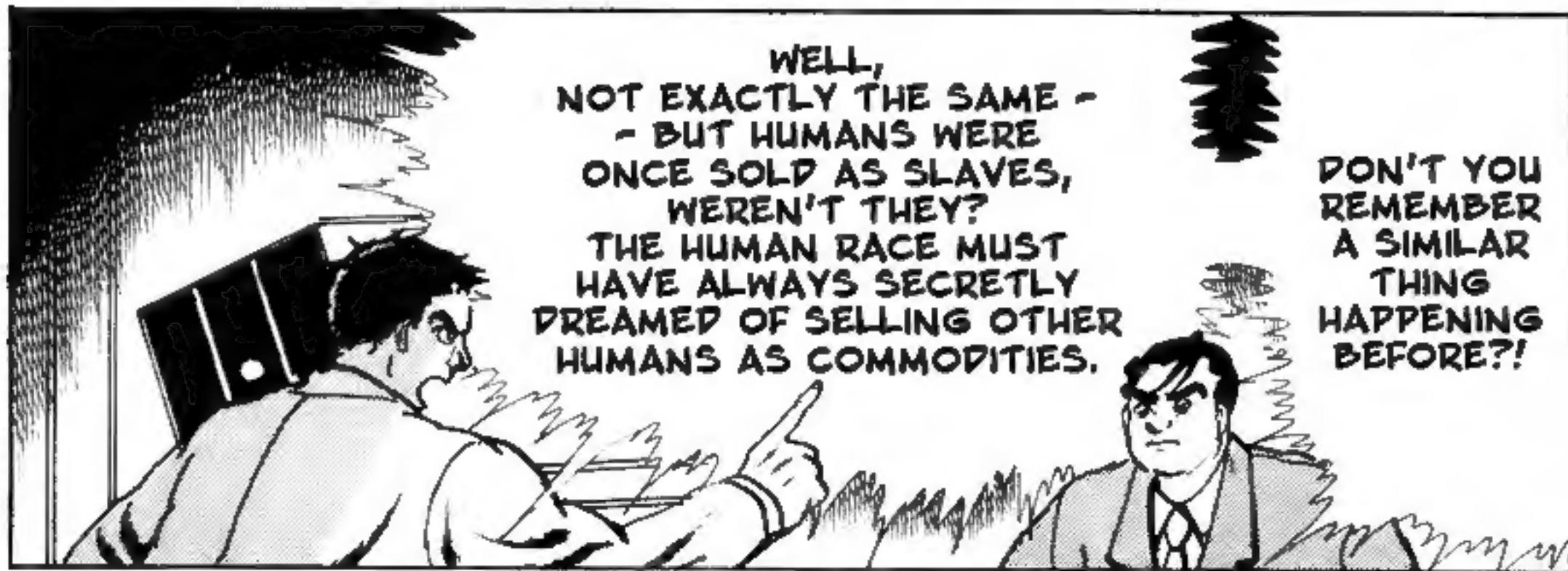
THERE IS
NO SORT OF
CONSCIOUSNESS
IMPRINTED IN
THESE HUMANS
AT ALL,
SO IT'S POSSIBLE
TO SELL THEM
AS COMMODITIES.
IF THEY BECOME
A HIT, THEN GRAND
MASTER ROSE
WILL BECOME
RICH ONCE
MORE!!

THEN,
GRAND MASTER ROSE'S
CAPITAL BECAME ALL USED
UP ON THE EXPERIMENTS,
WHICH MADE A NEW SOURCE
OF INCOME A NECESSITY!!
AND SO, USING THE DATA
THAT WAS COLLECTED
DURING THE IMMORTALITY
EXPERIMENTS,
GRAND MASTER ROSE
FOUND A METHOD OF
DNA SPLICING THAT
ALLOWED BLANK SLATE
HUMANS TO BE CREATED
!!



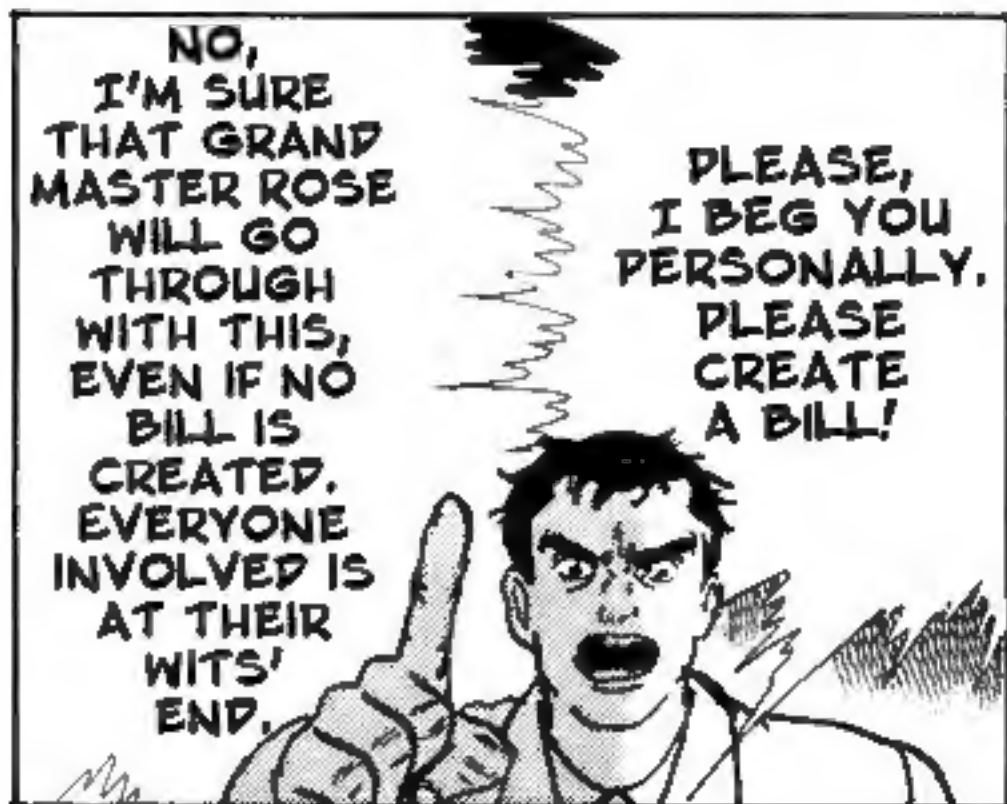


IN
OTHER WORDS,
HUMAN CLONES
ARE GOING TO
BE SOLD!!



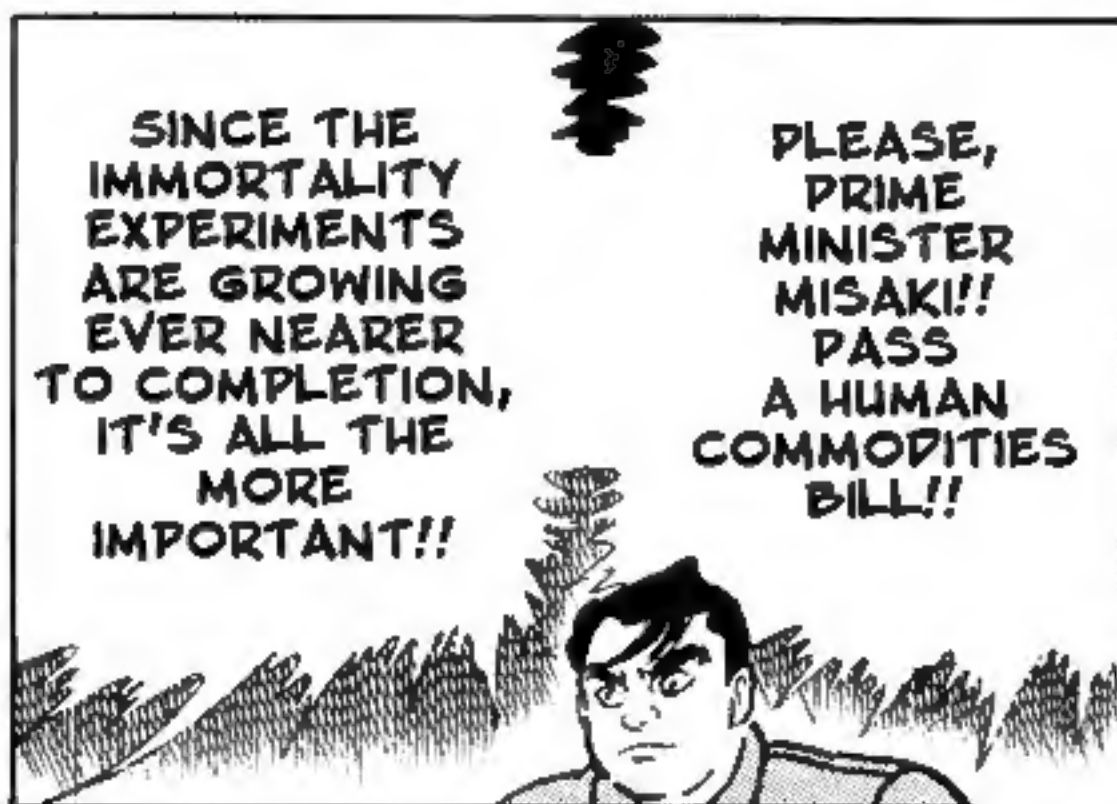
WELL,
NOT EXACTLY THE SAME -
- BUT HUMANS WERE
ONCE SOLD AS SLAVES,
WEREN'T THEY?
THE HUMAN RACE MUST
HAVE ALWAYS SECRETLY
DREAMED OF SELLING OTHER
HUMANS AS COMMODITIES.

DON'T YOU
REMEMBER
A SIMILAR
THING
HAPPENING
BEFORE?!



NO,
I'M SURE
THAT GRAND
MASTER ROSE
WILL GO
THROUGH
WITH THIS,
EVEN IF NO
BILL IS
CREATED.
EVERYONE
INVOLVED IS
AT THEIR
WITS' END.

PLEASE,
I BEG YOU
PERSONALLY.
PLEASE
CREATE
A BILL!



SINCE THE
IMMORTALITY
EXPERIMENTS
ARE GROWING
EVER NEARER
TO COMPLETION,
IT'S ALL THE
MORE
IMPORTANT!!

PLEASE,
PRIME
MINISTER
MISAKI!!
PASS
A HUMAN
COMMODITIES
BILL!!



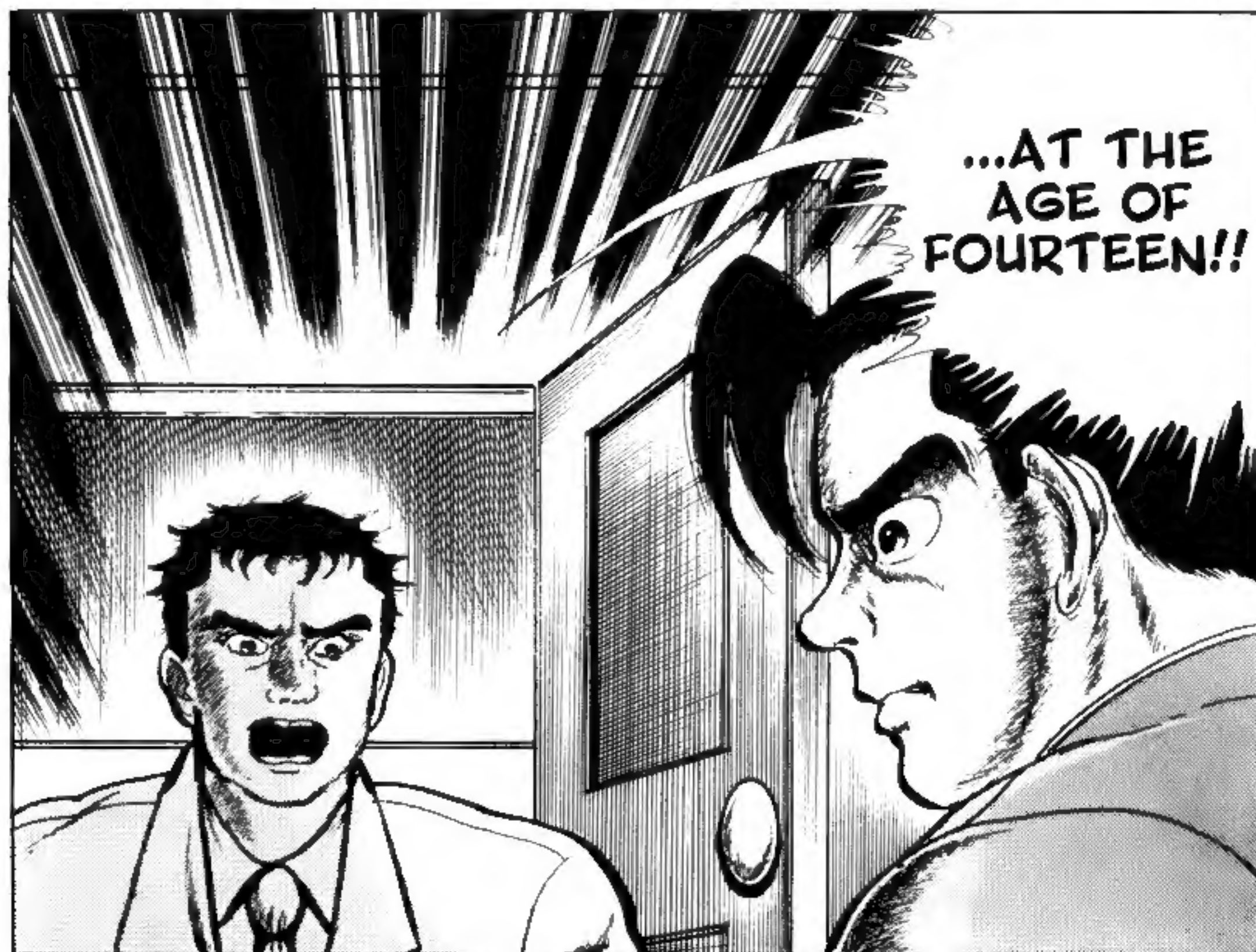
...WILL
END...



I ALSO
HAVE TO
MAKE AN
EVEN MORE
HORRIFYING
ANNOUNCE-
MENT!



THE LIVES OF ALL
CHILDREN UNDER
THREE YEARS...
YES, PRIME MINISTER,
THIS INCLUDES YOUR
SON TAROU-KUN...



...AT THE
AGE OF
FOURTEEN!!

14 歳

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